

AMERICA ASKED
TO HELP PLAN
ARMS PARLEYInvitation From League of
Nations Council Has
Reached WashingtonPRELIMINARY STUDY
TO COVER ALL PHASESReply of United States Will
Await Receipt of Amplifying
Document From Mr. Gibson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Washington Government has received from the League of Nations Council an invitation to participate officially in preliminary plans at Geneva for a disarmament conference, and with it a notice that solution of the problem will depend upon its consideration of the invitation and its co-operation of all nations.

An amplifying document, mailed from Bern by Hugh S. Gibson, American Minister to Switzerland, giving details of the workings of the preparatory commission, is due to leave there next week and it is expected that formulating of a reply by President Coolidge and Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State, will await its receipt.

The invitation disclosed that every direct and related phase of land, sea and air armaments is to be studied by the commission, making it clear that if an American delegation attends the session it must take with it a large technical staff of military and civilian experts.

Subjects for discussion specifically mentioned in the invitation are the following subjects to be discussed by the preparatory commission:

Factors upon which the war strength or peace strength should be considered in applying disarmament measurements.

Various forms of limitation of land, sea and air forces, hence relative advantages and disadvantages of each form.

Possible standards of armament of one country against that of another.

Possibility of ascertaining whether a country is armed purely for defense or in a spirit of aggression.

Based upon which a relative scale of armaments might be drawn up, considering such factors as population, resources, geographical situation, communications, vulnerability of frontiers and delays necessary to convert peace armaments to war-footing.

Action on Aviation

Possibility of distinguishing between military and civilian aviation.

Estimation of military value of commercial fleets.

Relation between regional security and disarmament and between regional and general disarmament.

The invitation, bearing the signature of M. Scialoja, acting President of the League Council, declared that "Council believes that the time has come for studying the practical possibilities of the reduction and limitation of armaments under the guidance and responsibility of the governments."

It expressed the hope that "at the moment when all the nations of the world are conscious of a common need, it will be able to count on the full and direct co-operation of the Government of the United States for a work which so closely concerns the peace of the world."

QUEBEC TIMBER ESTIMATES

QUEBEC, Dec. 12 (Special Correspondence)—A special half-billion feet of timber will be cut by 30,000 men in 3500 lumber camps of the province this winter. The great bulk of the cut will be used for pulp-making. Logging operations for sawmills are on a reduced scale compared with last winter.

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What's RIGHT With Florida

Florida of Tomorrow Will Be What Settled
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By RUFUS STEELE

This is the last of six articles prepared for The Christian Science Monitor, following a thorough survey of Florida conditions by the author of the series, "What's Right With Florida." The other articles appeared Nov. 18, Nov. 20, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11.

HALFWAY down the western shore of Florida is Pinellas Peninsula, a 25-mile-long elbow of land inclosing a piece of the Gulf of Mexico in a sizable bay. The waters of the bay are emerald and turquoise and over them play the breezy breezes of the gulf. Here was a harbor in which, with proper deepening, any fleet might ride. In a natural situation, placed so eloquently for cities the inevitable came to pass. On the point of the peninsula sits St. Petersburg, opposite, on a bend of the bay, is Tampa. The latter is famous as a capital of commerce; the former as a capital of comfort. In Florida's developing kingdom of tremendous work and tremendous leisure it is difficult to say which city should be called the greater. In fact, it is a spirit of unity rather than of rivalry that exists between the two. Six miles of genial water may once have separated them, but, if so, the fact is forgotten in a present-day union having as its steel and stone foundation the great Gandy bridge.

These stellar cities have their satellites. Extending up the peninsula from St. Petersburg are Clearwater, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs. Extending down the coast from Tampa, at somewhat greater intervals, are Bradenton, Sarasota and Fort Myers. These vigorous towns are in turn magnified by lesser ones and are capitals to local areas given over to citrus growing, truck farming and the serious business of having summer fun all winter long.

An ellipse with Tarpon Springs at the northern end of its major axis and Fort Myers at the southern end embraces the territory most visitors refer to when they tell you exactly that they are on their way to the West Coast, or when they undertake, somewhat breathlessly, to tell you what they found when they got there.

Grapefruit and Sponges

The West Coast—to accept this loose, but identifying terminology—is a varied and enchanting land. At Tarpon Springs, where Colonial architecture is in favor, the russet grapefruit are almost as large as the russet sponges of the Greek fishermen bring in after rummaging the floor of the Gulf in diving suits; while at Fort Myers, with houses in the Spanish mode, the subtropical latitude is reached and the royal palm flourishes and the coastal trees flourish abundantly as at Palm Beach.

The ellipse it crosses the hinterland of a gentle coast made gentler by an outlying defense line of keys. These keys begin at Tarpon Springs, off the mouth of the broad St. Petersburg Bay, and extend in a line for several hundred yards offshore; at the point of Pinellas Peninsula, several miles. Reached sometimes by causeways and sometimes only by boat, the keys are in places given the most finished and fascinating development, and again kept in a wild state that permits many a Robinson Crusoe in a bathing suit to play at being cast away on a reef of tropical desolation.

The beaches, which are intrinsically the most valuable real estate in Florida, differ somewhat on the State's two shores. On the East Coast the sand is like packed pepper, on the West Coast it is rippled salt.

St. Petersburg, which enjoys having itself called the sun porch of Florida, has been described as a domestic town. For years well-to-do but homesy people of the middle class in large numbers have been coming here for the winter—almost since the days when the first oranges were exported by sending them to Key West in schooners and transshipping in foreign bottoms Scotch land so that the fruit might fetch fame to the canny Scots as Dundee marmalade.

"Barnyard Golf"

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CZECHS ELECT NEW CHAMBER PRESIDENT

By Special Cable

VIENNA, Dec. 18—A significant feature of the opening of the new Czech Parliament yesterday was the co-operation of German and Hungarian agrarians with the Pan-Czech coalition group in electing to the presidency of the Chamber of Deputies, Jan Malypetr, former Minister of Interior.

It is not inconceivable that, should the present coalition of six parties break up owing to internal differences, a new coalition of Czech Agrarians and Socialists with German and Hungarian Agrarians might also be formed. The remaining German opposition parties, together with the Communists and Slovak clericals, disturbed the opening of Parliament—whereas inauspicious—by creating tumultuous scenes, the Germans protesting against the discharge of German railway employees in Bohemia and the Communists clamoring for the release from prison of one of their members.

ALBANY CHAMBER IN LINE

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18 (Special)—Resolutions petitioning Congress for establishment of the Saratoga battlefield as a national park have been adopted by the Albany Chamber of Commerce. The resolutions place the chamber on record with the Rotary clubs of the State and patriotic organizations.

FRENCH OUTLINE VARIOUS MEANS TO PAY DEBTS

Four Projects Suggested to Stabilize the Franc and Meet Liabilities

By SISLEY HUDDLESTON

By Special Cable

PARIS, Dec. 18—Four projects for raising immediately large sums of money, thus giving the Government the means of stabilizing the franc and meeting its liabilities, are being outlined by the French Government.

The first is the mobilization of the German railway bonds under the Dawes plan, which would supply France, even though only a small amount, with at least 10,000,000,000 francs. At the same time the great industrialists of the northern regions of France have taken the initiative in placing before President Doumergue a bill for the sale of the Prime Minister, a scheme by which a loan of another 10,000,000,000 francs could be raised abroad, pledged, with regard to interest and amortization, upon a tenth part of the total of French industrial concerns.

Again, powerful interests are pressing for the sale of the lease of the tobacco monopoly to an American syndicate, and it is anticipated that if the doctrinal objections were abandoned, 20,000,000,000 francs could be had from this source.

Internal Loan Proposed

Finally there is a popular agitation supported by certain parliamentary quarters for launching an internal loan differing from others, making it an appeal, and yet, because instead of interest being paid, the investors would simply have a chance to win lottery prizes of a substantial character. Against this latter proposal, moral considerations are probably preponderant. It would be lamentable to make France a nation of gamblers.

But it will be seen that there is no lack of possibilities of putting hand upon very large sums of money, and that the French Government, if it believes that Parliament is unable to agree to the proposals of the northern industrialists, has a number of alternatives. "At last!" and M. Briand remarked to the captains of industry: "The scheme which you have put before me will give me tremendous international power."

Minister Receives Industrialists

Paul Doumer, the new Finance Minister, received yesterday, and there is widespread feeling that some such loan, pledged on French industry, will solve, sooner or later, France's financial and monetary problems.

Many Frenchmen, as the result of the experience of last year, are persuaded that these solutions must come from business men and not from Parliament, which interminably debates and probably never reaches the sale of the German railway bonds, Leon Delacour, a Belgian, is the trustee of the title deeds, which are worth altogether 11,000,000,000 marks.

But now, it was not considered possible to place them on the market. But M. Briand has instructed French agents to sound banking circles in New York and Treasury circles in London, and the results are encouraging. There is serious hope that 3,000,000,000 marks worth can be sold quickly.

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Oregon Doubting
"White Christmas"

Special Correspondence

Salem, Ore., Dec. 12

OREGON residents are becoming doubtful of a "white Christmas" this year as reports from various parts of the State are received. From Oregon City districts, the report that Mrs. J. U. Campbell, wife of a Clackamas County circuit judge, has a hollyhock stalk laden with bright pink blossoms.

Raspberries and strawberries are slowly ripening in both the Salem and Oregon City districts, while daffodils and an unusual absence of wild ducks and geese are reported from Tillamook. Roses are still to be seen in various parts of Salem as the lowest temperature recorded since Jan. 15 was 28 degrees above zero about 10 days ago.

FRATERNITY MEN
BACK DRY MOVE
OF DR. C. C. LITTLEResolution at Student Meeting
Supports Administration

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 18 (Special)—The general fraternities of the University of Michigan have signified their desire to aid Dr. Clarence Cook Little, president of the university, in enforcing prohibition at the university.

Forty of the 57 general fraternities were represented at the student meetings which have been held in the last few days by individual members of fraternities who in no manner officially represented their respective fraternities, and who in no way constituted or represented an official group of the fraternities of the University of Michigan.

These meetings followed an edict by Dr. Little, in which he offered three plans for the students to follow in assuring respect for prohibition at the university.

The so-called "plans" and not the motive that prompted them, it is explained, that caused the fraternity men to meet and discuss the Little program.

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JAPANESE NOW
OCCUPY MUKDEN,
ENGLAND HEARSManchurian City Reported
Taken Over, Despite Protests
of Chang Tso-lin

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Mukden, capital of Manchuria and the headquarters of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the war lord of the North, is declared to have been occupied by Japanese troops. Marshal Chang is said to have protested vigorously, but to no avail.

The action of the Japanese is said to have been taken following a report that Japan, which has considerable territory in Manchuria, including the South Manchuria Railway, to bring forces into the city to protect its nationals and the foreign consuls.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tokyo says the city was virtually taken over under an order that forbids the entry of any Chinese armed force, and that the Japanese also will prevent acts of hostility within 40 miles of the Japanese railway, which runs through Manchuria for a distance of about 500 miles and passes Mukden at a distance of about three miles.

Gen. Kuo Sung-ling, leader of the National People's Army in this region, has been notified that he may not pursue the troops of Marshal Chang toward Mukden if his entry into the city would likely involve fighting. Marshal Chang, who is said to be with his army southwest of Mukden, is to be informed that he may not return to Mukden, unless a complete victory. His stores and arsenal are in the capital.

The forces of Chang and Kuo are reported to be fighting heavily a short distance west of Mukden.

Officials Close to Embassy Deny Action of Japanese Is Approach to 'Occupation'

Special from Monitor Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Vigorous denial that the actions of the Japanese military forces in Mukden approach an "occupation," is made by officials close to the Japanese Embassy here. Threatened from two sides by rival Chinese armies, Japanese troops have only acted to protect the 31,000 Japanese nationals in the city of 773,000, it is declared, and the railroad lines from Dairen to Changchun at the center of which the Manchurian city lies.

With the imminence of a military encounter of considerable importance between the rival armies of Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang seeking to occupy the city and Gen. Chang Tso-lin, who has his stores and arsenal in the city, Japanese troops have been asked by their consuls to forestall the probable looting and pillage of shops which is the usual concomitant of a defeat in Chinese warfare.

The troops which are mentioned in recent dispatches as having "occupied" Mukden are those which under the Portsmouth Treaty have been sent to Manchuria for a generation. By this treaty Japan took over former treaty rights granted Russia in Manchuria, among which was the privilege of stationing 11 troops per kilometer along the controlled railroad. It is declared Japan has not exceeded this number in the past, the total amounting to 5000 for the 686 miles of Japanese-controlled railroad. Under the Japanese military arrangements, however, half this number of troops are relieved annually in the middle of November, 2500 new troops arriving from Japan a month later.

The present crisis, it is pointed out, comes at the period when the regular garrison is reduced by one-half. The 2500 troops recently reported to have been ordered sent to Manchuria as an "occupying force," are only the regular displacement assignment, it is declared. Pending their arrival, 1000 native troops from Korea have gone to Mukden, but these will be replaced immediately upon the arrival of the 2500.

The Japanese forces in Manchuria are not large, it is declared, when the size of the area is considered, in which it is claimed that Japan has 200,000 Japanese and 500,000 Korean subjects.

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SOVIET LEADERS
SEEK EXPANSION
AT CHINA'S COST

So Says Authority in Surveying Present Situation in the Far East

By HENRY KITTREDGE NORTON

While the powers are bargaining at Peking over tariff autonomy and extraterritoriality, and Young China is making mighty pother about the danger of Chinese nationalism getting out of hand and forcing the Chinese Government to denounce the unequal treaties, there is every evidence that Russia is taking advantage of the situation, not to further the attempt to Bolshevize the Chinese, but to bring about that very break-up of China against which the United States has striven for 30 years.

The Russian recovery in the Far East has been truly remarkable. In the spring of 1920, Japan and the Allies had control of Manchuria and dominated Siberia as far west as Lake Baikal. China had reasserted her dominion over Mongolia and the new Soviet régime was neither recognized at Peking nor of any importance elsewhere in the Far East. The dominant question then was whether Japan would be able finally to establish her continental empire at the expense of China and Russia.

Russians Overrun Mongolia

Then came the uprising of the Siberian peasants and the formation of the Far Eastern Republic. Japan's armies and her Cossack and reactionary allies were forced back to the coast. Soviet troops overrun Mongolia. The Washington Conference released the remaining Russian as well as Chinese territory from the Japanese grip. Russia once more held its proud city of Vladivostok. Japan was back in her 1905 boundaries, her continental empire faded into a costly memory.

After such negotiation, the Soviets secured in 1924 a treaty with the Peking Government. Diplomatic Russia flattered the vanity of the Chinese by sending to Peking as the first envoy of the new régime an ambassador instead of a minister. Russia, however, sought more than diplomatic recognition in her treaty with China. Her chief concern was the control of the Chinese Eastern Railway to avenge her own generosity and formally relinquished all of her old privileges in China, extraterritoriality, concessions, Boxer indemnities, conventional tariff and all. There was small sacrifice on her part in all this, because China had long since cancelled all of these privileges of her own motion. There was no opportunity for Russia to recover them, so she made the most of the occasion to avenge her own generosity and justice to China in renouncing them.

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GOODWIN FILES
BILLS TO BLOCK
UNDUE LENIENCYSix Measures Seek Law
Changes to Assure
Just PunishmentSPECIAL ATTENTION
PAID TO PROBATION

Restrains Also, Power of District Attorneys to Not-Prosecute Cases

Six bills stipulating important changes in laws governing criminal jurisprudence were filed with the clerk of the Massachusetts House of Representatives today by Frank A. Goodwin, registrar of motor vehicles, through Clarence S. Luitwieler, state Representative.

The bills are drawn with the purpose of preventing undue leniency. They forbid the placing of second offenders on probation for filing their cases, new penalties are provided for automobile theft, suspended sentences for second offenders are prohibited, and the right of district attorneys to find nolle prosequi is limited.

The first bill would prevent the placing of criminal cases on file where the defendant has previously been convicted, or had a complaint placed on file for any offense for which a sentence of imprisonment was or might have been given. At the present time, according to the registrar, any lower court may place on file any complaint in a criminal case with one or two specific exceptions.

No Probation on Second Offense

Another bill would prevent any person from being placed on probation who has been previously convicted for any offense for which a sentence of imprisonment has or might have been imposed. At present the superior court, Mr. Goodwin says, may place on probation any person previously convicted of an offense.

Suspension of sentence of any person who has been convicted or had a case placed on file previously for any offense for which a sentence of imprisonment was or might have been imposed is prohibited in the third bill. As the law now stands, the registrar points out, any lower court may suspend the sentence of any person convicted before it.

Only a sworn statement by the district attorney that there is not sufficient evidence to prosecute would permit the entry of nolle prosequi upon an indictment charging felony, under another bill introduced. The registrar says that at the present time a district attorney has the right to enter nolle prosequi for any or no reason.

No Filing of Motor Theft Cases

Another bill would prevent the court from placing on file the case of a person found guilty of the theft of an automobile. At present, according to the registrar, a person guilty of stealing an automobile must be given a sentence of not less than one year nor more than five years, unless the court certifies in writing that he believes some other disposition is in the public interest. Under the bill, sentence in such cases would be mandatory.

The same bill also prevents suspension of sentence of any person who has been previously convicted of any offense for which a sentence of imprisonment was or might have been imposed, unless the court certifies in writing that he believes some other disposition is in the public interest. Under the bill, sentence in such cases would be mandatory.

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ULSTER POLICE GET ULTIMATUM

All Must Return to Duty and Obey Orders or Forfeit Disbandment Benefits

By Special Cable

BELFAST, Dec. 18.—The disaffected units of the Ulster police, particularly in Belfast and Derry, are still holding out against the Government terms. Satisfactorily in every case, however, duty is being performed as usual, and except for a state of siege in one or two barracks, everything is normal. The Government has now issued an ultimatum to the effect that all the police must return to duty and obey orders by 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday. Any who refuse will be dismissed and forfeit all claim to disbandment benefits.

It is expected that the permanent police will be supported by British army units tomorrow if the barracks are not handed over to the Government. In Belfast, men who were employed as guards on high courts, prison and Parliament buildings have refused to continue on duty, and have been replaced by ordinary police. At one of the largest motor transport stores in the city where over 300 men are employed, a state of siege exists and no one is allowed to enter without a pass from the men.

Two Counties Unaffected. As far as the counties are concerned, Down and Antrim are unaffected, and will accept the government terms of disbandment without question; Tyrone, Fermanagh and Derry are all affected to some extent. As far as can be learned by The Christian Science Monitor representative, the trouble started in Londonderry on Sunday last, where

a local soviet was formed; orders were issued by this body to all the platoons in Ulster to resist disbandment, unless generous terms were offered. Some have fallen into line with the Derry malcontents, but only a small proportion of the total force of 3500.

The ultimatum subsequently issued to Sir James Craig demanded impossible terms. It is understood that at the time this was received, the Government was considering the whole question, and in view of the attitude of some of the men, it was imperative that the government terms be announced forthwith.

The Government's Offer.

The Government has offered the men two months' leave on full pay with fares to their homes, and states that under no circumstances will the terms be augmented. The only recent development is the action of the Inspector-General in convening a representative meeting of the whole police force here today, when he will explain the details of the Government's proposals.

It is expected that no definite steps will be taken by the police authorities toward the malcontents, until this meeting has been held. There is so far one redeeming feature in the whole business—the men on strike are maintaining complete order among all ranks and no overt acts have been committed which would lead to a breach of the peace. There is steadily growing a feeling of resentment amongst the population at what has happened.

Alienating Public Sympathy.

The whole force has a record of which any citizen could be proud, and yet the insubordination which has arisen may forever besmirch the fair name of Ulster. It is felt, and completely alienate public sympathy. Undoubtedly the men feel they should not be thrown out of employment at a moment's notice, but on the other hand they have been engaged solely on a temporary basis, from month to month, and if they were in private employment they would scarcely receive a bonus of two months' pay on their discharge.

At any rate the financial position of the Government is such that no further concessions can be granted; taking into account the present proposals, it is estimated that the Government will have paid about £130,000 out of Northern Ireland's exchequer.

World News in Brief

Richmond, Va. (Special).—The number of adult illiterates in Virginia has been reduced one-half within five years. In the same time the number of college and normal school graduates teaching in the public schools of the State has greatly increased. The State superintendent of public instruction states that for the first time the supply of well-trained teachers is approximately equal to the demand.

New York (Special).—For the second time within a year, a son of a wealthy New York family has given up rich business prospects for a musical career. Gerald M. Warburg, son of Felix M. Warburg, philanthropist, announced after a recital at the home of his parents, that he would devote himself to playing the cello. Less than a year ago Roger W. Kahn, son of Otto H. Kahn, financier, organized his own jazz band.

Muskogee, Mich. (Special).—A scholarship fund of \$7215 is available to graduates of the Muskogee (Mich.) high school who need assistance in continuing their education. Three per cent interest is charged on loans from the fund, which was started with \$30 by the class of 1909.

Washington (Special).—Construction of new schools and libraries absorbed 5 per cent of the money spent for new buildings in the United States during 1923, says an official report.

New York (Special).—Christmas gifts of gold pieces by employers and individuals has caused a withdrawal of gold coins from the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank by New York banks estimated at \$15,000,000. The total is about \$2,000,000 larger than that of last year.

Philadelphia (Special).—Morris Sigman, Conservative, was re-elected president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union after 109 members of the "left wing" who bolted the convention had returned and were re-elected as delegates. The election was unanimous. Other officers chosen included Salvatore Ninfo, vice-president, and Abraham Baroff, secretary and treasurer.

Atlantic City (Special).—Entry of the United States into the World Court was voted in a resolution adopted by the Committee on International Justice and Good Will of the Atlantic City Council of Churches. The resolution commends "most heartily the policy of President Coolidge in his advocacy" of the World Court proposal.

New York (Special).—Tulsa, Okla., was selected for the next national meeting of the American Chemical Society at the annual session. All officers now serving were re-elected.

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Beaver Coming Back in Maine; Colony Is Found in New Jersey

Great Help in Mending Dams, Says Chief Warden of Pine Tree State

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 18 (Special).—Beaver are rapidly increasing in all parts of Maine, says Richard Upton, chief warden and president of the Maine Warden's Association.

"Even right here in Kennebec County we have quite a number of these interesting little pond dwellers, and with the protection which is being furnished them by the State there seems reason to expect that they will continue to increase in numbers."

At Hoyt Brook, the beaver colony built a dam of sufficient size to flood some lands which were needed for other purposes. This dam also prevented the trout from passing up and down Hoyt Brook, so the wardens were forced to clear away a part of the structure. They refrained from using dynamite, however.

"They have been here for the past three years, and I have had the good fortune to see several members of this colony during that period," says Mr. Upton. "When it comes to beaver work they are certainly hard to beat. Breaks in this dam are generally repaired overnight, and we have had to make many of them."

"There is a big colony of beaver at Fayette, on Bog Creek, and another on the stream which connects Great and North Ponds in Belgrade. There is another on Barton Brook, east of Augusta, and one at Curtis Corner on a brook flowing into Androscoggin Pond."

"When it is considered that only a few years ago these industrious little workers were threatened with complete extinction, owing to the value of their hides, with the following heavy trapping which was done everywhere, these definite proofs that they are coming back are most encouraging," says Chief Upton. Beaver are protected by law in Maine.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS

The following notice is issued by the Western Union Telegraph Company:

The postmen will not deliver mail on "Christmas Day" but the telegraph wires will probably be called upon to work harder than usual on that day to satisfy those who feel that a greeting lacks some of its warmth if not delivered Christmas morning.

The telegraph companies have printed Christmas and New Year Greetings in length to fit any purse. Each message is numbered. All a person need do is telephone the main office and give the desired number of the greeting. To be sent, and they will be typed on special holiday blanks and delivered on Christmas or New Year's Day, as the case may be.

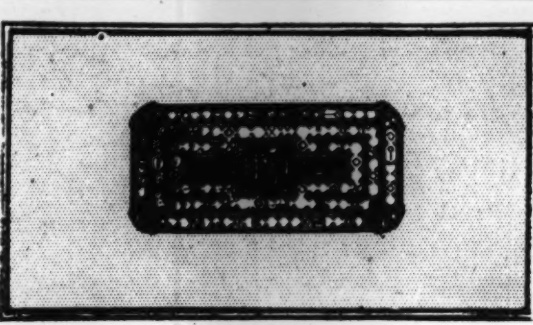
MT. HOLYOKE CAROL SINGERS OFF ON TRIP

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—The Mount Holyoke College Carol Choir left today for Hartford and New York, where it will give its own unique repertoire of Christmas carols, in the Fourth Congregational Church of Hartford Friday evening, and in the Town Hall in New York on Saturday evening.

Having seen the carol singers off, those students who were not lucky enough to leave yesterday for the holidays, also departed, and by noon the campus was quite deserted. Mount Holyoke College will reopen again on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

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Animals Return to Their Old Haunts After an Absence of 100 Years

Special from Monitor Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—New Jersey has newcomers. It is believed that they slipped in by night. They're beavers. A colony of them has been discovered within 10 miles of the Fort Lee Ferry at Oradell, N. J., where the beaver built a dam in the sections 100 feet long, across a small brook that flows through a swampy section of heavy poplar and scrub-oak growth.

It is a long time since the beaver has dwelt in New Jersey. In fact, this is the first colony to be reported in this territory for more than a century. It is believed that they moved here by night from the Adirondack Mountains, where, 30 years ago, efforts were made to recolonize old beaver ponds when the beaver was nearly extinct.

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The colony in New Jersey was discovered by Charles Livingston Bull, well-known animal artist; J. Irving Crump, a writer of Western stories, and Edward Ordway, formerly a Boy Scout. The game warden of Hackensack has promised that the colony will be closely guarded.

BRITISH REDUCE SCHOOL GRANTS

In Face of Much Opposition, Government Carries Measure by 142 Majority

By Cable from Monitor Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Baldwin Government's policy in reducing the elementary educational financial grants was endorsed by the House of Commons last night when a motion introduced by C. P. Trevelyan, former Minister of Education under the Labor Ministry, condemning the recent Board of Education's circular on the proposed grant system was rejected 26 votes to 124. Before a crowded house, Mr. Trevelyan asserted that Lord Eustace Percy, Education Minister, had by his circular contradicted the Conservative election education program and destroyed the continuity of education which it had been his effort to attain.

The Prime Minister himself, said Mr. Trevelyan had said that it was

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300 Broadway, Chelsea

undesirable that education should be regarded as controversial. The circular was an economy rather than an education circular. Its "ukase" was to ration education for the next three years. The local authorities would be reduced to scrambling for crumbs which fell from the board's table. He appealed for the withdrawal of the circular and the Labor Party would do what it could to restore concord.

Lord Eustace Percy, in reply, said that he stood there to defend and preserve the Conservative education program. He described the existing percentage grant system as anomalous. The fundamental basis of the circular must be adhered to. It meant a clearer division of responsibility between the Education Board and the local authorities, but it did not mean a reduction in the effective control of the board in maintaining the proper standard of education.

H. A. L. Fisher, representing English Universities and Minister of Education under the Coalition Government, defended the present percentage system. He suggested the reform and study of administrative expenses.

Alfred Duff Cooper was the exponent of Conservative disapproval of the circular and Viscount Astor in a short but telling speech said it would be better to keep than to lower the percentage of the grant, since education was the great weapon for a nation fighting for its economic life. The Duchess of Atholl, education undersecretary supported the circular, but declared that had it meant a hardship to children, she would have resigned.

COUNCIL CHAMBER BEING REFURNISHED

At a cost of \$16,500 the Council Chamber on the fourth floor of Boston City Hall is being refurbished to accommodate the new City Council of 22 members, or one from each of the new 22 rearranged wards of the city. Twenty-two desks of African mahogany are to be installed by John P. Enright, superintendent of city buildings, through a furniture company whose bid was nearly three times as large as another bid of \$567 but whose maker, it was said, would furnish a bond or be bound by the stipulations, and hence the corporation counsel advised accepting the high bid.

The work of refurbishing and refitting the Council Chamber will be completed in two weeks, as the contractor employs day and night forces. Other rooms on the fourth floor of the City Hall will now be necessary for the accommodation of the enlarged council and the veterans' organizations, and the Employees' Credit Union will be forced to change their quarters.

PEPETIONS DENIED

W. FIELD, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—Petitions of the Springfield Street Railway Company for permission to operate buses on local lines were denied by the City Council last night.

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Special Correspondence

A MAN who had driven a dilapidated car five years, became greatly concerned about a place which had been cut in the pavement leading to his rural home. A block some 34 1/2 by 2 feet had been removed for a builder to obtain access to a water pipe, and not only had the asphalt not been replaced but the hole had not been properly filled in.

The man knew of the place and always avoided it with care, but his distress was great whenever he saw another motorist unsuspectingly bump into it, endangering his springs, bruising his tires on the sharp edges, and always jouncing the passengers. This went on for some time and not a move was made to fix the paving.

One morning, though his hour for rising was very early, the man arose earlier than usual and, taking his rattling old car, drove to a gravel pit. There he filled two sacks with small stones and returning filled up the hole to the level of the pavement, vastly improving the previous condition and blessing the many motorists passing that way.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Special Correspondence

SHE was the wife of the proprietor of the largest drygoods store in a city of nearly 10,000. Because she enjoyed her housework, she did her own washing with an electric washer.

One Monday, after hanging out a large washing, she went to her hairdresser's for a curl. Upon leaving there she found it had been raining hard for half an hour.

With troubled thoughts of having to do her washing over in order to get the spatters out, she waited for

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the rain to stop, and then went across the street to her husband's store, to discover that when the rain began he had left his many duties in the store and had gone home and taken the clothes off the line.

Elms to Beautify Kansas City Area

Liberty Memorial Grounds and Pershing Plaza, Near Union Station, in Plan

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9 (Special Correspondence).—Beautification through the planting of elm trees in the approved plan now being carried out for development of the Liberty Memorial grounds and Pershing Plaza near the Kansas City Union Station.

Charles Moore, chairman of the National Fine Arts Commission, emphasized the value of trees in giving an easy, restful appearance to the grounds, explaining that they not only would afford cooling shade in summer, but would hide the hill and lines of billboards which now disfigure the district. The Park Board of Kansas City accepted Mr. Moore's suggestion, and, with the assistance of the Kansas City Art Commission, has formulated a comprehensive plan and planting of trees has begun.

The areas to be beautified in this fashion are, in part, the site of the proposed art center. Plans for the first building of this Memorial, now nearing completion, are being prepared. The structure will be the Mary Atkins Museum of Fine Arts, for which there is a fund of \$700,000. Other funds of considerably larger amounts are available or in prospect for endowment of the museum and for other buildings.

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In addition to this work, which has heretofore required a force of a dozen men during the busy period of the year, the registrar, under another law enacted by the Legislature, is required to receive applications and issue certificates of title to each owner of an automobile. This, it is expected, will double or treble the work of the department. The change to the prison was made with the main idea of effecting economy and at the same time to furnish employment for convicts.

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What's RIGHT With Florida

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ion of checker and chess tables under the palms in the public parks, as well as of horseshoe-pitching, modernly known as bayonet golf, on a scale never before in the South. Around St. Petersburg the modern sub-divisions are blossoming with new homes in various modifications of the Spanish and Moorish styles, but the atmosphere of the city proper is still that of elderly, prosperous gentlemen who go about in their shirt-sleeves when they want to. Green benches, seldom unoccupied, line the sidewalk in front of nearly every store. The post office functions partly in the open air.

The resident population of St. Petersburg has risen from 35,000 to 60,000 in a year. On Dec. 1 its building permits reached \$21,000,000 for 11 months, as compared with \$3,500,000 for that period of the previous year. Great new tourist hotels will open their doors for the first time this Christmas. During the summer 15,000 new rooms have been added in an attempt to provide for a winter visiting crowd that is expected to double the total of residents.

Water front property is treasure in Florida, and Pinellas Peninsula is so indented by bays and bays that it multiplies the number of home sites where blue water abuts the lawn. Clearwater, Dunedin and Tarpon Springs are centers of a busy social life and a productive agriculture, and at every angle of the flowing highways new towns are springing up. They are pushing back the oranges. One of Florida's largest tourist hotels looks out upon the gulf.

Tampa, on the mainland opposite St. Petersburg, is responding to the impulse with new skyscrapers, great new hotels, new islands in the waters of Tampa Bay and with many a sub-division in which expensive homes are rising. Tampa remains, however, a commercial city and its water and rail situation bespeaks a very important commercial future.

The Spanish Element
Tempering commercialism somewhat is the influence of the Latin-Americans. Tampa has always possessed an extensive section that reminded the visitor sharply of Havana. Swarthy faces fill the parks. Spanish signs cover store fronts and picture theaters. Out of side streets comes the strumming of guitars. The youngsters play at jai-alai. In the factories men and women of Spanish blood, mainly from the Azores, work at long tables while from a dais a person with a mellifluous voice keeps them contentedly busy by reading aloud. It is interesting to observe that the tales of Cervantes and Lope de Vega still have the power to send Latin listeners into roars of laughter.

The Gandy bridge, known as the longest automobile toll bridge in the world, which connects Tampa and St. Petersburg and which, when stock was being sold to build it, was declared by many persons to be the impractical proposal of a dreamer, has fully justified its huge cost in a single year of operation. Two million persons in automobiles have crossed it and it has been an indispensable factor in the life of the West Coast.

Bradenton, a particularly attractive little city at the mouth of the broad Manatee River, and now having several suburbs, has appealed to many northerners as an ideal spot in which to build a winter home. Bradenton is the county seat of Manatee County, rated by the Department of Agriculture as seventh among all American counties in the value of its fruits and vegetables. Along the Manatee River, navigable for 20 miles, are great fields of celery, tomatoes, sweet peppers, lettuce and beans, as well as citrus groves. It is Manatee's boast that its shipping record shows a departing car of fruit or vegetables every 45 minutes during the year.

Tamiami Trail
Below Bradenton, Sarasota, long ago selected by Mrs. Potter Palmer as her Florida home, has developed in beauty and now more the West Coast center of fashion. An Sarasota is most like the lower East Coast in its social pretensions, so Fort Myers, with the Everglades behind it, is most like it in tropical and luxurious vegetation. Soon the Tamiami Trail, swinging up from Miami to Tampa, will give these towns, as well as scores of small but attractive and potential centers, a new outlet and importance. The Tamiami Trail, by the way, will bring the southern extremes of the two coasts into an intimate relation hitherto denied them by the Everglades, and will promote the uniform development of Florida. In this series of articles it has not been possible for the writer to do more than sketch in some of the outstanding features of a great and unfolding Commonwealth. Florida is so vast and so packed with possibilities that to describe or to measure even anything so apparently simple as the productivity of its soil is fraught with difficulty and

is rather certain to provoke denial by someone whose personal experience may not have conformed to the experience of the many. For instance, one correspondent writes to state that a fair percentage of the state, that agriculture as a whole, including citrus fruits, cannot be successful in Florida. He admits that a fair percentage of the tillable land makes moderate production, but holds that transportation and distribution costs make production unprofitable.

What, one wonders, would Florida's 60,000 farmers, with annual crops that sell readily enough for \$150,000,000, unless the State Marketing Bureau is grievously at fault, have to say to this?

When this correspondent's letter arrived, the writer was visiting farms and groves in the hill and lake district of the so-called solid central section of the State. He examined into the fortunes of one family that has been for three generations on the soil—on the same undulating reaches of soil. This family was doing well and extending itself to do better when the double freeze of the winter of 1895-96 came along. Their groves and gardens were completely blighted in a district that knew no exceptions. Discouraged neighbors forsook the land and went out of Florida.

Profits After Freeze
This rather large family was left without the means to go elsewhere and start over. They stayed and suffered through, growing new groves, adding new acres, and learning lessons, incidentally, which have helped them take rank among the State's great agriculturists. Last season one of the three brothers marketed his crop of oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, peppers, lettuce, cucumbers and beans and banked more than \$100,000, his rate of profit outstripping anything ordinarily known in business. The two other brothers are understood to have done almost as well.

Any observer who bows along through the vast areas of waiting hammock land and sees as often as he bursts out of the native forest heavily-hung groves and wide areas brought under glistening subjugation to the plow, finds it impossible to entertain any grave doubts about Florida's soil. But here, as everywhere, the analysis of the soil and in the selection of the crop are absolutely essential. One must remember that the cucumbers and peppers may yield easily a return, an orange grove will not yield full measure until its seventh year.

The location of the market and the methods of reaching it may never be disregarded. For example, the man who wants to grow winter strawberries would do well to investigate land in the neighborhood of Plant City, the celery grower land around Sanford, the tomato grower the possibilities of Hastings; for it is around these towns that these crops have been found to thrive abundantly and in these neighborhoods is all the machinery for the ready and profitable marketing of such crops.

Florida, with all its farming, is still a vast agricultural frontier. Every farmer who comes here to strike his tent into the soil of what is now with palm trees and pine needles well, if he succeeds, adds more than to his pocket and his joy in growing. He will add new and essential information to the sum total of what is now known. Intelligent agricultural fostering is one of the things Florida needs most. Then it will be most quickly ascertained whether a growing acre of land is little more than 2,000,000 acres may actually and profitably be multiplied by 10.

There will soon be regular farming of the waters of Florida's coasts. The market fisherman and the canner will encroach upon grounds that have long been the sportsman's own. The State, even on the land, presents an unbroken spectacle of fishing poles. Bays, bayous, and the deep rivers of clear water, overhung with moss-bearded oaks and mangroves, and abounding in the shelter of the too-willing water hyacinth, with large game fish, afford an abundant creel.

Rivers and waterways formed by connecting lagoon with lagoon give pleasure craft an unequalled opportunity, and yet the present great range of the light-draft boat is hardly half of what it soon will be. With no vast amount of digging and turning in of waiting waters, it will be possible for yachts and small boats to go from Jacksonville to Miami, drop back a few miles to Fort Lauderdale, turn a New River, pass through Lake Okechobee, a fresh water lake smaller only than Lake Michigan in the United States, move on over to the West Coast, sail about Tampa Bay and the Gulf, return to Okechobee, turn northward through canals that will have connected lakes in the great agricultural section, pass out into the mighty St. John's River, and thus return to Jacksonville after a sail through ever-changing and fascinating scenery for 800 or 900 miles.

Across the bow of a boat, as through the windshield of an auto, one discovers that Florida is a kingdom of charming little places, each fully contained in itself and each the loveliest spot in the world until one has discovered the next. In his final determining of which ranks first, one will be moved to a choice not so much by what is presented to his eye as by his own individual methods of evaluation. Some persons rejoice in a cooler climate and a vegetation not wholly removed from that to which they have always been accustomed. Others prefer the full plunge into the tropics of south Florida with the greater warmth but with that prodigious magnificence of strange growing things that makes the escape from the old life wonderful and complete.

The Varied Picture
It is well, for Florida that it does present so varied a picture because there will be tempted to visit many sections before selecting one for their homes or their agricultural or commercial operations. As the natural setting for the development of home sections of surpassing beauty exists in many places, it is reasonable to expect that the broad-scale development now going on in certain localities will presently find duplication in many others. Mighty builders, true as they are making their facilities equal to the requirements, will invade the middle section and contrive a new, comprehensive form of development which will have a jewel-like lake as its motif and center.

Transportation in Florida today presents absorbingly interesting phases. The railroad companies are spending \$75,000,000 in an attempt to make their facilities equal to the requirements, and yet, so great is the demand for cars to haul the visitors and the food to feed them and the people who live in the state, that it is difficult to see how the freight company may soon be lifted beyond its permit stage. As these lines are written twenty freight-laden ships ride at anchor in a happily calm sea waiting to enter the Biscayne Bay and deliver their loads to the limited docks of Miami. The largest ship that ever dared to enter New River has just hammered and scraped its way through shoals to deliver its precious lumber cargo to Port Lauderdale.

Florida was in the flush of a building period perhaps without any precedent whatsoever when the freight embargo halted all rail-bound supplies at its borders. For three months most of the hammers have been stilled, with materials trickling in only through unprepared harbors. That Florida thus suddenly and cruelly robbed of its chief manifestation of imminent empire, should have continued with little abatement to hold the interest of its streams of visitors in perhaps one of the surest indications that the foundations of this interest are substantial.

Auto travel and auto traffic have come in for a triumph such as must be set down as belonging to a wholly new transportation epoch. Good roads have exalted the automobile and made Florida. With the familiar national park type of automobile stages being displaced by luxurious Pullman motorbuses, the traveler may now cover his 250 to 300 miles in a day without regarding it as an ordeal. New types of fast trucks are also honking down the Dixie Highway.

Florida, sensitive to criticism that is being directed against it—much of it unjustly—longs for an adequate method of making reply. She places huge orders for clothing in New York and Chicago, for shoes in Boston and Brooklyn, for building stone in Indiana, for food products everywhere and marvels that anyone should fail to see how the thing that is happening in Florida is helping business all over the United States.

The Southward Course
In disclaiming any conspiring or false trapping of the public attention, Florida points to the fact that Bishop Berkeley's prophecy has simply lost its meaning in our time. Southward the course of empire takes its way. This is as true, almost, on one side of the Atlantic as on the other. For five years and more Europe has been moving to the Mediterranean. In five years the prices have doubled and quadrupled along the Italian shores. To find the explanation one must search, not general Florence nor genial Florida only, but the hearts of men.

In preparing this series of articles touching upon a great human movement the writer has endeavored to some extent to interpret as well as to describe. In tracing or indicating causes much that is interesting and wonderful has had to be passed with the briefest reference or regretfully to be ignored. There is so much that's right with Florida that not even a "holier than thou" attitude and not help organized labor in this struggle up and forward for the great mass of laboring people?

Others Stirred By Nash's Lead
Voluntary Unionizing of Large Clothier's Plant Awakens Response

Special from Monitor Bureau
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The entrance of the employees of the Arthur Nash Clothing Company of Cincinnati, O., into membership in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America on the initiative of Mr. Nash personally, is considered by Robert W. Bruere, industrial editor of The Survey, to be of importance in view of the example it sets to other large employers who wish to derive the benefits proven to exist in harmonious relations.

Contrary to what many people think in view of the agitation kept up in some quarters for the "open shop," Mr. Bruere said in an interview, "Other large employers of labor have begun to appreciate the clear gain arising from a wholesome co-operative attitude, and few have asked me for suggestions for plans to bring it about."

Democracy in Industry
"Because of the prosperity now existing, the present seems to promise a definite advancement in democracy in industry. Programs that have brought real, intelligent co-operation between managers and employees have shown definite results in increasing wages and profits and reducing costs to the public."

"The Nash Company has grown since 1919 to be, so far as is known, the largest concern in the United States. If not in the world, manufacturing suits to order for sale direct to the consumer. From a capital of \$60,000 it has expanded until it now has \$3,000,000, and Mr. Nash told me it is now doing a business of more than \$1,000,000 a month. It has a field force of 2000 salesmen."

"Mr. Nash, who is known as 'Golden Rule' Nash, started his organization keeping his own door open at all times to his employees, and letting them regulate their wages but having no organized system of communication between the employees and the management. His company has thus been heralded as an outstanding example of 'open shop' management, a description that displeased him, because he had always been sympathetic with labor."

Negotiated in 1921
"In 1921 he voluntarily opened negotiations with Sidney Hillman, general president of the Amalgamated, which were interrupted owing to a misunderstanding caused by other parties, but which were resumed by Mr. Nash and carried through this year. The move was nearly wrecked when some of the company executives opposed it, word having got around when Mr. Nash's speech was erroneously published in advance. The vote to put through the negotiations with the union was carried by the employees, however, and the executives withdrew their opposition, when Mr. Nash made the issue one of confidence in himself."

"One of the first effects of the voluntary unionization was the version of some of the heads of companies in Cincinnati, one, who had been outspoken against the 'closed shop,' making a definite request for a meeting with the union officials to discuss the unionization of his plant."

Chose Time Carefully
"Mr. Nash especially avoided making his present step at a time when it might have seemed that it was meant to increase his prosperity. His business now is in the doldrums. He was led to take the step, Mr. Hillman believes, and I, also, am convinced, because he wished to represent the best attitude toward labor. He especially told his employees that the step probably would not be

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MASSACHUSETTS MEN FOR COURT

Letter to President Urges Entry Into World Court Without Delay

Entry of the United States into the World Court without delay is asked by 300 representative Massachusetts citizens in a letter sent to President Coolidge coincident with the opening of the court debate in the Senate, and made public here today.

The signatures which accompanied the letter to the President were obtained by the citizens committee on the World Court, of which Howard Connelley, formerly president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, is chairman. The letter was as follows:

Dear Mr. President:

The undersigned citizens of Massachusetts desire to be recorded in favor of the proposition that the United States without further delay adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice with the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations.

We sign as individuals and not in any representative capacity.

The signers of the letter include the Governor, two former governors, the Attorney-General, a former Attorney-General, a judge of the United States Circuit Court, a former United States district attorney, a former justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth, 25 local judges, three district attorneys, upward of 50 prominent members of the bar, 14 presidents of colleges, the Commissioner of Education, 17 superintendents and principals of schools, public and private, five professors of law, 14 clergymen including two bishops, 10 leaders of organized labor including a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, the secretary-treasurer of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor and three presidents of central labor unions, the presidents of eight of the leading women's organizations in the State, members of the Republican and the Democratic state committees, eight editors, four officers of high rank in the late war, 17 bankers, upward of 60 prominent business men including 17 members of the executive committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and over 20 public officials, past and present, including members of Congress.

These signers represent 67 different municipalities.

YALE COLLECTION OF FIELDING GROWS

Latest Gift Said to Make It One of Best in World

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 18 (Special).—Through a bequest by Frederick S. Dickson, Ph.D. Yale, 1871, the one hundred and fiftieth edition of "Tom Jones" has just been added to the collection of books by and concerning Henry Fielding which Dr. Dickson presented to Yale University in 1913 in appreciation of Prof. Thomas R. Lounsbury.

"This gift," Anne Keogh, University Librarian, said today, "emphasizes again the fact that the collection presented by Dr. Dickson is the most complete in the world. Through his generosity the Yale library possesses every edition of Fielding's novels published during his lifetime; all the pamphlets known to be Fielding's including the exceedingly rare 'Crisis: A Sermon, London, 1741, which was never reprinted in Fielding's works; all the plays, including 'Tumble-Down Dick: Or Phaeon in the Suds,' London, 1735, apparently the rarest of all the plays, of which the only other copy known is in the Bodleian Library; the two earliest printed works, 'The Masquerade, A Poem,' London, 1728, and 'Love in Several Masques: A Comedy,' London, 1728; and the various standard editions of his works, including many translations and imitations.

"The collection," said Mr. Keogh, "already has been of enormous service to scholars in this particular field of English literature. In addition to the 150 editions of 'Tom Jones,' the Yale library has on its shelves 47 separate editions of 'Joseph Andrews,' 23 of 'Amelia,' 10 of 'Jonathan Wild,' 16 of 'Tom Thumb,' eight of the 'Journal of a Voyage to Lisbon,' 22 sets of complete works, and 21 sets of miscellanies and selections. There are also 10 volumes by Fielding's sister, Sarah, including five editions of her 'Adventures of Peter Simple.' In addition to these, there are over 500 volumes either dealing with Fielding or mentioning him in some manner. Mr. Dickson even included Henry Reed's 'Introduction to English Literature' by Chaucer to Tennyson; a series of lectures designed for the pupils of a Philadelphia female seminary, because, while a history of English literature, it entirely omits all mention of Henry Fielding."

SOFT COAL LOADINGS OF RAILROADS MOUNT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Bituminous coal loadings of the mines for the week ending Dec. 5 were the highest since the week of Dec. 4, 1920, the American Railway Association announced, placing the total at 237,700 cars. This, it was noted, is an increase of 35,568 as compared with the same week last year, and 47,727 above the total for the same week in 1923.

Bituminous coal production for the 10 weeks from Oct. 3 to Dec. 5, inclusive, also was described as "the greatest for any corresponding period during the last five years," amounting to 1,203,334 tons, an increase of 153,000 compared with the same period last year.

Registered at the Christian Science Publishing House

Among the visitors from various parts of the world who registered at the Christian Science Publishing House yesterday were the following:

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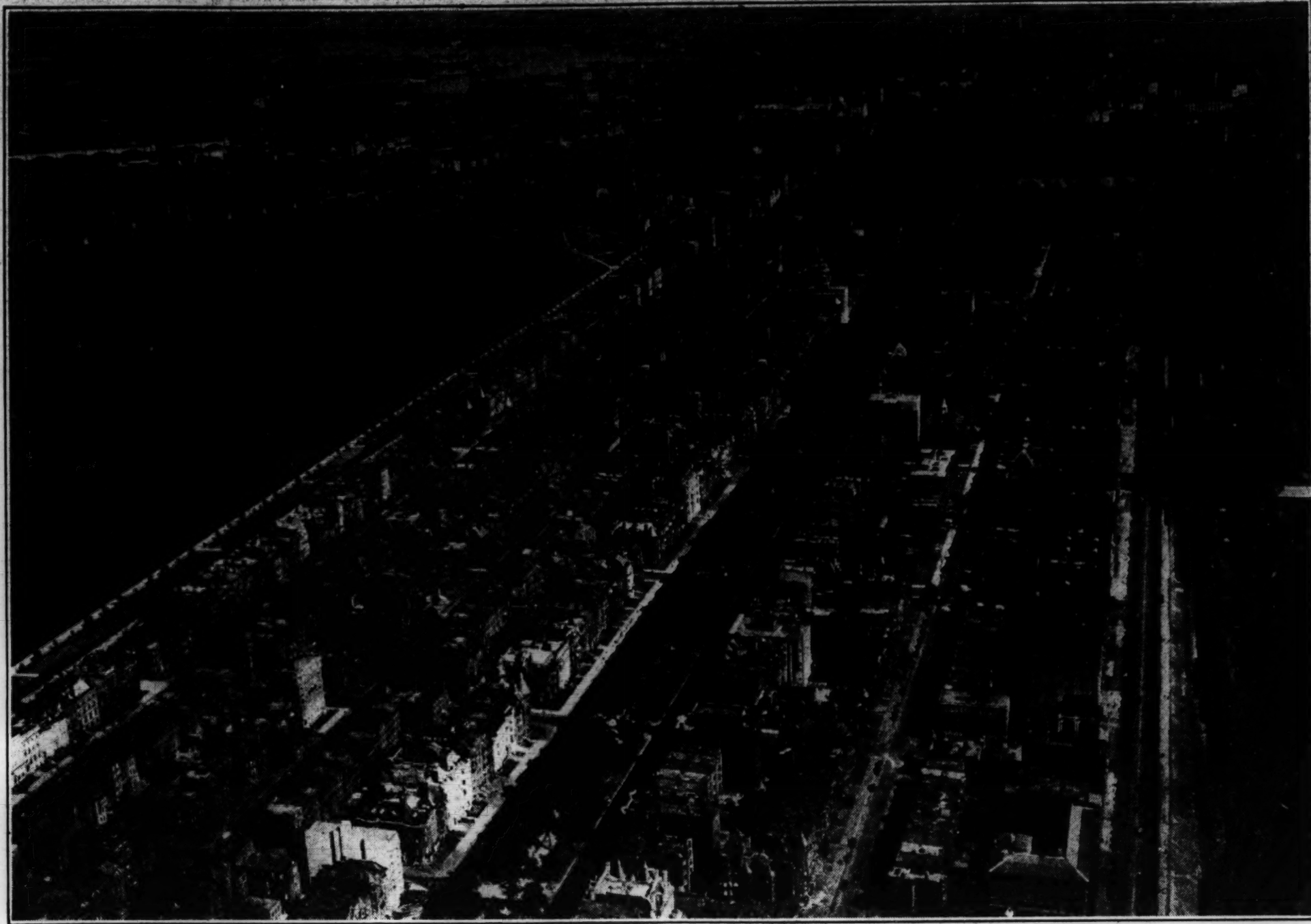
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woods, Littleton, N. H.

Annie B. Wiggins, Boston, Mass.

Miss J. Smith Wakefield, Boston.

Miss G. Kimball, Boston.

Not All of Boston's Streets Are Narrow and Crooked, Nor Outgrown Winding Cow Paths



Fairchild Aerial Survey, Inc., N. Y.

Establishment of Municipal Forests Is Urged in Vermont

Secretary of Association Says Forestry Can Be Usually Practiced to Better Economic Advantages by Cities and Towns Than Individuals

NORTHFIELD, Vt., Dec. 18 (Special).—Pointing out that forestry can be usually practiced to better economic advantage by a town or city than by an individual owner, Reginald T. Titus, secretary of the Vermont Forestry Association, urged Vermont municipalities to start town forests.

Mr. Titus has made a study of the town forest movement and has uncovered many interesting facts concerning the subject. "The municipal forest," he says, "is a best known in Switzerland, Sweden and Germany and is a familiar institution in several other European countries in all districts where forest land is available. Even the large cities have forests; 'he town without such a tract is the exception.' Continuing he says:

Frankfort is reported to have the oldest artificially-planted forest in Europe, and from it have been cut trees measuring 36 inches in diameter and containing over 4000 feet of lumber per tree. The Sihlwald, pub-

lic forest of the city of Zurich, Switzerland, has been owned since the year 853 and has been under management for over 500 years.

Most of the European communal forests have been taken from deposed feudal lords; taken from monasteries and convents during religious upheavals; secured as gifts from wealthy aristocrats; or purchased by the towns and paid for by direct taxation.

The municipal forest of Forbach, Germany, has made the best financial showing of any communal forest on record. This town forest of over 1400 acres is reported to have yielded an average net profit of \$12.14 per acre over a long period of years.

The pioneer work in bringing the town forest idea to America has been done by the many conservation associations and departments such as the State Forestry Association, the National Forestry Association, State Departments of Forestry and the Federal Forest Service.

In this country, town forests are becoming of increasing importance and popularity because they are a source of revenue for the towns and cities; they conserve and protect the water supply; they may be used as parks for recreational purposes; they serve as fish, game and bird sanctuaries; and they tend to stabilize local wood-using industries.

The city of Pittsburgh, Mass., is credited with being the first municipality in the United States to establish a forest trust expressly for timber production. This forest of 109 acres was started in 1914. The first town forest was also established in Massachusetts by the town of Brookline.

States having special legislation regarding town forests are Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

DOG OWNERS ADVISED
TO ADDRESS COLLARS

Dog owners are asked by Dr. Francis H. Rowley, president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to have their names and addresses marked on the collars worn by their pets. Dr. Rowley says that large numbers of dogs are lost each year because of the failure on the part of the owners to provide adequate identification in the nature of regulation collars.

"We are repeatedly having dogs brought to us or called to come and get them—fine dogs, dogs of value, and dogs of good homes, which are without a collar or with collar on which there is no trace of the owner's name or address or even a license number," an appeal issued by Dr. Rowley says.

LEGION HEAD TO VISIT MAINE

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 18 (AP).—John R. McGuire, of Cleveland, O., national commander of the American Legion, will visit Maine in January, according to an announcement made last night by James L. Boyle of Waterville, department adjutant. Commander McGuire will be in Portland at a conference of western Maine posts and auxiliaries, Jan. 23, and in Bangor at an eastern Maine conference, Jan. 29. He also intends to visit his daughter, who is at Kent's Hill Academy.

POULTRY COURSE PROPOSED

DURHAM, N. H., Dec. 18.—A three-weeks' short course in poultry will be conducted at the University of New Hampshire beginning on Monday, Jan. 11. The object of the course will be to cover as thoroughly as possible the different phases of the poultry business, particularly for the benefit of those who are considering starting poultry work for the first time.

The Charles River Basin on the left, splendid residential districts along Beacon and Marlborough Streets and Commonwealth Avenue in the center, Boylston Street and the Boston & Albany Railroad yards on the right, with the downtown business district in the distance, make the accompanying air picture an interesting and familiar one to Bostonians.

The expanse along the bank of the Charles River, and the broader parkway as the river turns, show clearly how greatly they contribute to the scenic beauty of Boston. The large town houses and occasional apartment dwellings along Beacon and Marlborough streets and Commonwealth Avenue show conspicuously.

Many of the mansions for which Boston is famous are along these streets, as well as on Beacon Hill, Commonwealth Avenue, with its tree-filled parkway along the center seems from the air the distinguished, distinctive thoroughfare that it is. That section of Boston which lies spread out in the immediate foreground is almost the only part of the city that is laid out with straight, symmetrical streets and blocks.

Those streets which run crosswise, beginning with Arlington Street at the Public Garden, in the background, are named alphabetically and alternate two and three syllable names—Arlington, Berkeley, Clarendon, Dartmouth, etc.—one of the few examples of this form of city planning in Boston.

Newbury Street, which runs parallel to Commonwealth Avenue just to the right, is rapidly becoming a business thoroughfare, and a locale for

COKE PRODUCERS WORK AT CAPACITY

Demand Heavy for Anthracite Substitute

Coke, as a substitute for anthracite, is being used to such a large extent in New England households, that the local coke producers are working at capacity, and heavy shipments have been made to New England by the Clarksburg District Coal retailers announced today that this Pittsburgh bee-hive coke, selling at \$5.50 a ton, f. o. b. Pittsburgh, a few days ago, is now \$7 a ton, with demand so heavy that orders could not all be filled immediately.

Local coke retails at \$14 a ton, but is in limited supply. Pittsburgh bee-hive coke is nearly \$15 a ton, of which the freight rate alone is \$5.50. The price refers to the "egg-size" coke, with stove and nut sizes 50c a ton higher.

In addition to Pittsburgh coke shipments to New England, considerable quantities of Scotch, German and Dutch coke have been and are being imported for the New England trade. Approximately 20,000 tons have already been received in New England and more than 50,000 tons more are understood to have been purchased abroad for shipment to New England seaports. Large quantities of Welsh anthracite coal are also booked for shipment to Boston and north Atlantic ports.

HOPE OF SETTLING
MILL STRIKE REVIVED

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 18 (AP).—Hope of ending the dispute between weavers of the Peppercorn Company's cloth mills and the management, which has kept the mills closed since Dec. 2, was revived last night when representatives of the workers agreed to attempt a modification of the weavers' ultimatum.

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what are known as the more exclusive shops. It is just a block from Boylston Street, which is farther to the right, and is attractive to considerable favor with the establishment of several prominent shops there.

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To the left of the Public Garden is the Bunker Hill Monument, which is visible in the upper left-hand corner. Congested downtown Boston shows in the background beyond the Public Garden and Common. Many large office buildings are seen massed together, and the Custom House tower looms hazily in the distance.

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CHAMBER TO PRINT "LOOP" ROUTE PLAN

Because the legislative printing of the complete report of the special commission of the Legislature, which has been working on the proposed Loop Highway and traffic congestion problems for two years, must necessarily be limited by expense and delayed in publication, the committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce has arranged to publish the entire report in the next issue of Current Affairs, the chamber's weekly organ.

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HOPE OF SETTLING MILL STRIKE REVIVED

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 18 (AP).—Hope of ending the dispute between weavers of the Peppercorn Company's cloth mills and the management, which has kept the mills closed since Dec. 2, was revived last night when representatives of the workers agreed to attempt a modification of the weavers' ultimatum.

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NEW CITY GOVERNMENT POLICY ON FINANCES BEING WATCHED

Boston's Tax Rate, Said to Have Increased Because of Demands for Better Municipal Service, Shown to Be Comparatively Low

The fact that Boston's actual municipal debt, aside from the rapid transit obligations, has shown a greater decrease than that of any city of corresponding size in the United States, gives those who have watched the operation of the charter of 1909 reason to await with interest the effect of the amendments of last year will have on the continuation of the city's financial progress. The effect of the abolition of the small City Council elected at large and the substitution of one of 22 members elected from districts, also is being watched.

In 1909, the City Council, composed of a Board of Aldermen and Common Council, was abolished and a council of nine members established, but without the power of originating appropriations. This power was transferred to the Mayor. It has been under the Charter of 1909 that Boston has exhibited financial achievement in debt reduction.

Today the municipal debt of St. Louis, for instance, for years boasted as small a debt as any city of any proportions, but recently it borrowed, through municipal bonds, \$87,000,000 for necessary improvements. Today the municipal debt of St. Louis is of large proportions, while Boston's obligations, with the exception of the rapid transit extensions, have been reduced. Last year street improvements caused the total debt to show some millions of increase.

Under the Charter of 1909, a small City Council, with Mayor initiating appropriations, the municipal debt was cut by 14 per cent, and this despite the fact that the cost of government has increased rapidly, particularly since the World War. Those who are studying the finances of this city point out that, while the tax rate has advanced \$2 in the last year, the total increase in the past 10 years, the period which includes the World War, has been but \$8.70.

In 1915 the tax rate was \$18. In 1925 it had climbed to \$26.70. Reference to the financial history of the past few years in Boston shows that in 1915 the total tax requirements were for \$25,554,675.46, and in 1925 they were for \$29,681,053.67, or an increase of \$2,726,378.21.

In this sum of nearly \$60,000,000 for services and administration, nearly \$13,000,000 is for school requirements, \$4,500,000 of this for new schoolhouse construction. This one item alone represents \$2.50 of the total tax rate of \$26.70.

Another item in the \$26.70 rate on each \$1000 of real estate is the application for the new pension system which this year amounts to \$1,200,000 and represents approximately 48 cents of the tax rate.

Taxpayers who study their tax bills learn that the Commonwealth takes for itself \$4,512,440.35 of the total tax requirements of the city.

Large Tax for Schools

The schools, of course, constitute the one largest item in the tax bill and the public works department comes second with an appropriation of \$6,644,989.70. The police department needs are third, amounting to \$4,512,331.18.

Those connected with the details

of Boston's financing explain that these increases in cost are largely because the people demand greater service and that such increases in 10 years at \$11,382,000 for schools; \$2,405,000 for public works; nearly \$2,000,000 for the police department; nearly \$2,000,000 for the fire department; slightly less than \$1,000,000 for parks and over \$1,250,000 for the county, all represent the costs made by the increased demands for service by the people.

BREWERY HEARING IS HELD IN SECRET

Revoking of Permit of Mt. Tom Company Sought

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 18 (AP).—Counsel for both sides are maintaining the strictest secrecy regarding developments at the hearing of proceedings brought by the Government to revoke the beer permit held by the Mt. Tom Brewery which opened in Hampden County Courthouse yesterday. Even the press is barred from the grand jury room in which the hearing is being held, and a guard of prohibition agents is maintained at the only door. It is expected that the proceedings will last at least through today.

The action is brought by Capt. George A. Parker, head of the New England Prohibition Enforcement forces as the result of wholesale indictments recently returned in Boston against officers and employees of the brewery who were charged with conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

It is expected that the Government's chief witness will be Major Hamlin, former Department of Justice agent who credited with the investigation which resulted in the recent indictment of the Mayor of Chelsea.

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Nothing New in Present Popular Excitement He Tells Lynn Society

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—Speaking on the present problem in the administration of criminal justice, Judge Henry T. Lummus of the Superior Court told his audience at the Lynn Historical Society last night that the present popular excitement revealed nothing new.

"Many points made in the present newspaper discussion are merely the superficial froth," said Judge Lummus, "not the underlying causes. To point out instances of apparently undue leniency in a few cases out of the 200,000 dealt with annually in our courts, omitting all the severe and exemplary penalties that are imposed, is exciting but not illuminating. Naturally, when 250 judges in 75 courts deal with 200,000 cases, there will be instances of poor judgment. The whole truth must be sought with a field glass, not a microscope.

Judge Lummus said that if sensible people would call to mind the judges they know and would remember the care with which successive governors have used in making judicial appointments, they would realize that the judges as a whole do not lag behind the average man in zeal for law and order.

"The real causes of the present dissatisfaction must be sought elsewhere than in the attitude of the judges," he continued. "I will mention two underlying causes for your consideration. First, our Constitution gives every defendant the right of a jury trial, the most dilatory and expensive mode of trial known. This right, intended to protect the innocent, gives the guilty a strangle-hold upon the courts."

Judge Lummus thinks a mistake was made in 1855 when district attorneys were made elective instead of appointive. The fact that they are subject to enormous "political pressure," he said, sometimes makes it difficult for them to do their duty well; that political machines are built by favors rather than by labor, and that a district attorney who refuses favors risks vicious attacks from skilful and inventive demagogues.

"The quiet, faithful discharge of duty makes too faint a report to reach the ears of good citizens and brings them to his defense," he continued. "Unless the judiciary can be depended upon to preserve the courts from popular clamor you might as well abolish them and have the cases decided by newspaper readers. Breaking down the independence of the judiciary is the first step to the tyranny of the mob. The independent judiciary is not designed for the benefit of the judges but designed for the benefit of the individual."

FEDERAL "FREE PORT" LEGISLATION PENDING

Federal legislation authorizing foreign trade zones or "free ports" to be established at various American seaports, including Boston, is not beyond the range of possibility during the present session of Congress, according to Frank S. Davis, manager of the Maritime Association of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Such legislation, Davis said, is needed before the Massachusetts Department of Public Works will report its recommendation of the project to the State Legislature, Mr. Davis explained. He said he has received advice from Wesley L. Jones (R., Sen.) that the bill, which he has reintroduced his bill in Congress.

Resolutions have recently been adopted by scores of organizations endorsing the free port proposition, said Mr. Davis, including the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National Foreign Trade Council, the National Merchant Marine Conference, National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and the retail trade board of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

ADVERTISING CLUBS COMMITTEE NAMED

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18 (Special).—J. W. Longnecker, chairman of the executive committee of the New England Association of Advertising Clubs, has appointed the committee on resolutions. It is headed by William F. Rogers, president of the Advertising Club of Boston, and associated with him are Alfred D. Guion, president of Advertising Club of Bridgeport; Willard B. Rogers, president of Hartford Advertising Club; William G. Hansen, president of Advertising Club of Waterbury, and Wallace Dibble, president of Publicity Club of Springfield, Mass. This early action by the chairman was taken to enable the committee to give careful and deliberate thought to the resolutions to be presented at the 1926 convention, to be held in Worcester, Mass.

FEDERAL BUILDINGS IN NEW ENGLAND SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—Representative Nelson, Republican of Maine introduced yesterday a bill for federal buildings at Bucksport, Lubec, Blue Hill and Hallowell, to cost \$100,000 each, and one at Pittsfield, carrying an appropriation of \$380,000.

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Need of a large increase of funds available for support, improvement and extension of work at Harvard University is expressed by the Harvard Alumni Bulletin in its current issue circulated today explaining in detail the new "Harvard Fund."

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The executive committee of the fund, which will carry on the activities of the fund, is composed of Joseph R. Hamlen '04, of Cambridge, chairman; Jerome D. Greene '98, of New York, secretary; and John W. Prentiss '98, Elliot Wadsworth '98, John Price Jones '02, and Leverett Saltonstall '14, Howard Corning '90, have been made executive secretary.

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Repeating his charge of laxity in pressing indictments in Suffolk County courts, Frank A. Goodwin, Massachusetts Registrar of Motor Vehicles, yesterday cited another instance of nonpunishment of a serious crime. At the same time, Thomas C. O'Brien, district attorney, defended his administration of nearly four years' duration in a statement before Elias B. Bishop, Justice of the Superior Court, and protested the unfairness of criticism on the basis of one or two illustrations.

The registrar said that it is customary in local courts after a man has been indicted for a serious offense, for the charge to be changed to a lesser one, and submitted what he called a typical illustration of the case specified in the defendant was indicted for first-degree murder on April 9, 1923; the case was not brought forward until July 13, 1924; the first charge and one of murder in the second, defendant released on \$7500 bail. Nothing more was heard of the case until Feb. 16, 1925, when the defendant was arrested for carrying a revolver without license, a trial started, but the case was not proceeded, and the defendant was released on \$7500 bail. Nothing more was heard of the case until Feb. 16, 1925, when the defendant was arrested for carrying a revolver without license, a trial started, but the case was not proceeded, and the defendant was released on \$7500 bail.

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GIFT OF \$350,000 TO TOWN INVOLVED

Court Asked to Set Aside Will Benefitting Lancaster, N. H.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Contention that a will made before the marriage of the testator is impliedly revoked by that act was raised in a petition filed yesterday in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, by Emmons S. Smith Jr., who seeks to have set aside the will of his father, a Washington financier, which contained a provision by which one-fourth of the \$1,500,000 estate is bequeathed to the town of Lancaster, N. H.

The will was executed in 1886, many years before the elder Smith's marriage, and provided that the town of Lancaster should have one-fourth of the estate, the remainder to go to the heirs. The Lancaster share was to be invested and the proceeds used for relief of needy persons. The petition of the son and sole heir claimed that the will was revoked impliedly by his father's marriage in 1886 and by the birth of the petitioner.

Justice Hoehling issued a citation for the town of Lancaster, to show cause why the request of the heir should not be granted and why letters of administration should not be issued. Pending decision of the question, the Commercial National Bank, Emmons S. Smith Jr., and O. J. Demoll were appointed collectors for the estate.

HEARING ON "GAS" TANKS CONTINUED

Fire Marshal to Decide Plea of Jenny Company

The petition of the Jenny Manufacturing Company to install gasoline storage tanks in South Boston will be continued before George C. Neal, Massachusetts Fire Marshal, Monday. The hearing opened yesterday when remonstrants were heard.

It is proposed to place tanks of 55,000 barrels capacity at the corner of C and Cypher streets, and a permit already has been granted by the Boston board of street commissioners. Representatives of South Boston churches; James T. Moriarty, city councilman; William J. McCarthy of the Gillette Safety Razor Company; P. J. Cuddy, president of the South Boston Citizens Association; William P. Williams, state commissioner of public works; William P. Hickey and James J. Trowing, state representatives; George M. Curran, member of the Governor's Council and others appeared in opposition.

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Latest political developments in Brookline indicate that two tickets for election as selectmen of the town will be in the field next March. The two tickets are holding meetings, and one, the members of which composed largely the original citizens' committee, at a meeting yesterday in the Tremont Building in Boston, voted to nominate a slate of five for selectmen, the nominations to be made by a committee which will be named soon. The proposed slate of the original citizens' committee will be reported back to the entire committee for consideration.

The new citizens' committee, organized about two weeks ago, with William D. Turner as chairman, named the contest with but two candidates, George Irving Briggs, Daniel A. Rollins and Daniel Tyler, on its slate for election as selectmen. The two first named are at present members of the board. Whether the new citizens' committee will decide to complete its slate and name five citizens for election as selectmen is a decision the original committee members await with interest. They would also like to see Charles P. Rowley, the present chairman of the Board of Selectmen, is the member the new committee desires to defeat in the March election.

Mr. Turner, chairman of the new citizens' committee, issued today a statement defining the position of the committee, stating that the members take exception to the methods of transacting business by the present Board of Selectmen. It is his contention that certain members of the board transact business independently, and then ask the entire board at its stated meetings to approve what has already been done informally. The new committee asks that the entire board handle all of its matters of importance, and that full and open discussion be made before action is taken.

The retirement of Michael Driscoll from the superintendency of the streets is said to have been agreed upon before the action was discussed at the regular session which selected Daniel Lacey as Mr. Driscoll's successor.

RUMANIA SEEKING AMERICAN TRADE, SAYS COMMERCE EXPERT

Dr. Van Norman, in Boston From Bucharest, Tells of Opportunities for American Engineers to Develop Country's Resources

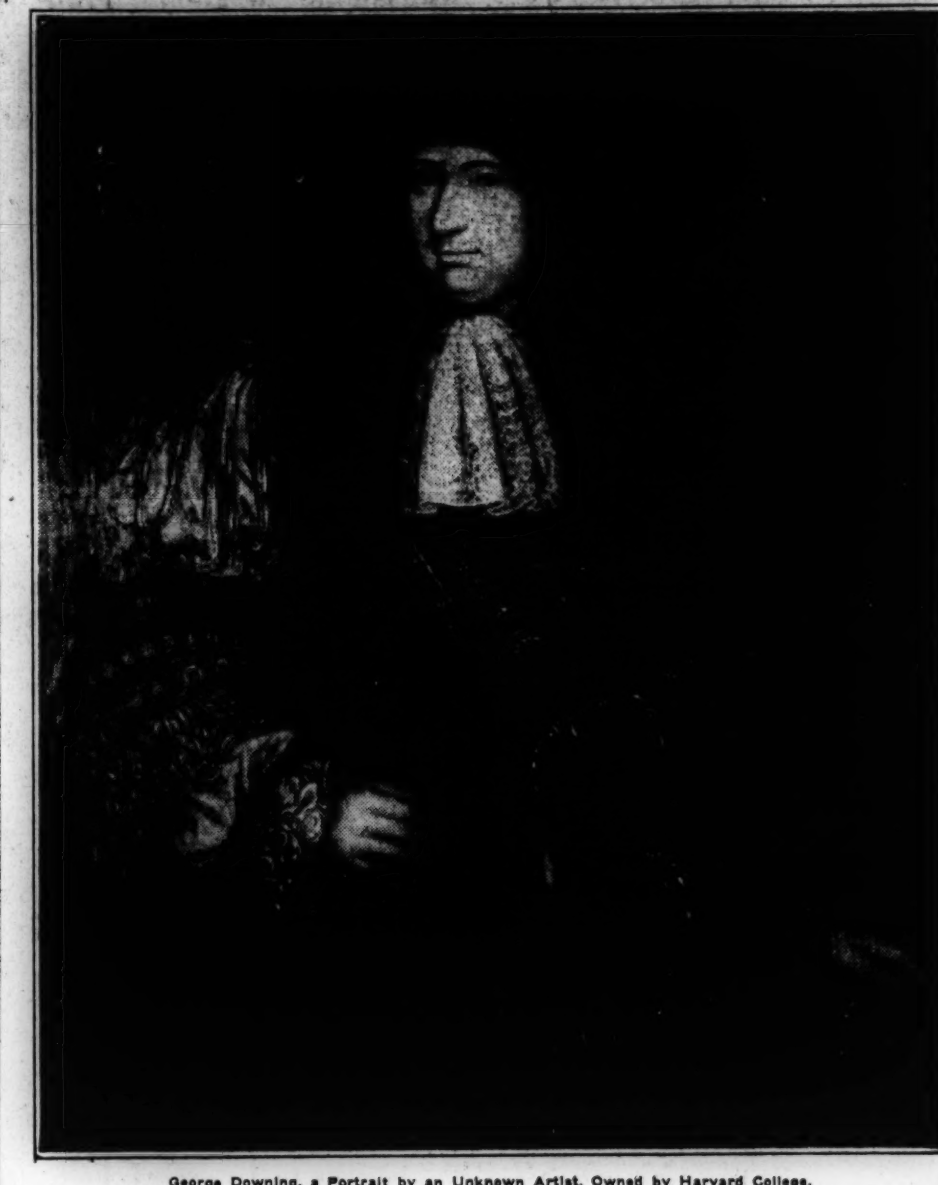
"The New Rumania is now well on its way toward realizing of its great natural resources," he said. "Exchange is nearing stabilization. The question pressing most urgently for settlement in Rumania is that of the railroads. Enormous quantities of Rumanian's great staples—cereals, lumber and oil—cannot be moved to the seaboard for shipment abroad, because of lack of transportation facilities, chiefly shortage of cars and repair shops.

"American goods are popular in Rumania and despite sharp competition from European, particularly German, shops and factories, and the difficulties of financing purchases, there ought to be many opportunities for the sale of American products in Rumania. American agricultural implements, automobiles, typewriters, cotton goods, shoes and small machinery generally, have taken a firm hold on the imagination of the Rumanian buying public.

"Indeed, American quality is the standard of appraisal. The dollar, however, is still rather high for the Rumanian merchant and our continental competitors are able to give easier terms of payment than our countrymen.

"The principal products manufactured in Fitchburg in 1924 were paper and wood pulp, cotton goods, woolen and worsted goods, sawed lumber and machine shop products, and brass, bronze and copper products. Car repairing was also an important industry in Fitchburg.

Portrait of Harvard's First Graduate



George Downing, a Portrait by an Unknown Artist, Owned by Harvard College.

EARLY AMERICAN ART SHOWN AT EXHIBITION

Rooms Arranged at Park Square Building in Period

The exhibition of early American furniture and decorative crafts, now in progress at room 209-219 Park Square Building is attracting students of Colonial times as well as the Antiquarian. Several rooms are arranged according to period. These find the portraits of valuable interest, especially that of George Downing, a member of Harvard's first class. He rose to be ambassador to the Netherlands under Cromwell and again under Charles II. Downing Street in London was named for him, and knighted in 1660, he became a baronet in 1663.

The portrait shows him in all the bravery of stiff satin, fine lace and velvet suggestive of royalty and courtliness, rather than of a brave little town in the savage wilds of an unknown continent. The portrait is unknown. The portrait is the property of Harvard College.

Coming from private collections and homes, the exhibition brings together many rare specimens of the early days when ways were simple and thinking was "high," unmistakable evidence of which is given in the beauty of line, color, and design of many of their products. Living simply, they also lived richly and this increased as the wilderness was subdued, as brought out in other of the rooms.

SENATOR HOWARD GIVES RESIGNATION

Named to Official Post—Special Election in Doubt

Whether there will be a special election to fill the seat in the State Senate left vacant by the resignation today of Charles P. Howard, former Senator from the Seventh Middlesex District, recently appointed Commissioner of Administration and Finance, is not known. The question will be determined by the Senate after it convenes.

Special elections are held upon vote of the State Senate and by order sent by the president of the Senate, and the status of the important Seventh Middlesex District will not be known for some weeks. Frequently seats are left vacant, and whether such will be the case during the coming session has not been determined.

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Mr. Howard's nomination as commissioner of administration and finance was confirmed by the Governor's executive council last Wednesday and he is expected to take the oath of office on Monday.

PAPER PRODUCTS LEAD IN FITCHBURG

FITCHBURG, Mass., Dec. 18.—The Department of Labor and Industries, through the division of statistics, announces that, according to data collected in connection with the census of manufactures for the year 1924, the total number of manufacturing establishments in operation in the city of Fitchburg was 109, representing a total capital investment of \$56,414,151. The total value of all products manufactured was \$48,125,900, of which paper and wood pulp, valued at \$18,628,822, constituted 38.7 per cent. The average number of wage-earners employed during the year was 8415, of whom 6285 were males and 2131 were females, and the total amount paid in wages was \$10,545,140.

The principal products manufactured in Fitchburg in 1924 were paper and wood pulp, cotton goods, woolen and worsted goods, sawed lumber and machine shop products, and brass, bronze and copper products. Car repairing was also an important industry in Fitchburg.

The exhibition of early American furniture and decorative crafts, now in progress at room 209-219 Park Square Building is attracting students of Colonial times as well as the Antiquarian. Several rooms are arranged according to period. These find the portraits of valuable interest, especially that of George Downing, a member of Harvard's first class. He rose to be ambassador to the Netherlands under Cromwell and again under Charles II. Downing Street in London was named for him, and knighted in 1660, he became a baronet in 1663.

The portrait shows him in all the bravery of stiff satin, fine lace and velvet suggestive of royalty and courtliness, rather than of a brave little town in the savage wilds of an unknown continent. The portrait is unknown. The portrait is the property of Harvard College.

Coming from private collections and homes, the exhibition brings together many rare specimens of the early days when ways were simple and thinking was "high," unmistakable evidence of which is given in the beauty of line, color, and design of many of their products. Living simply, they also lived richly and this increased as the wilderness was subdued, as brought out in other of the rooms.

WATER CONSERVATION

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18 (Special)—Water conservation on a great scale is to be known in the Salt River Valley through the lining with cement of the main canals that lead outward upon the land from the Granite Reef diversion dam on Salt River. About \$600,000 now is being expended in lining the southside head canals, east of Mesa, with expectation that a saving will be made of a third of the water heretofore carried. In addition, large financial savings will be known through the future lack of need to clean the canals, while the capacity of the canals will be increased.

ARCHITECT DENIES CHARGES OF DELAY

Theodore A. Glynn, Fire Commissioner of the Boston fire department, said today that he expects to name late today or tomorrow a successor to Louis J. St. Amand, architect for Boston's new central fire station at Shawmut Avenue and Tremont Street, who was dismissed from that undertaking yesterday by Mr. Glynn with the approval of Mayor Curley. It had been announced that a successor for Mr. St. Amand would be named by the city today by the Mayor, but for some reason decision was delayed. Mr. St. Amand denied today that he had been responsible for the delay, and added that Mr. Glynn was largely responsible for the delay in making better progress in the construction of the new station, and he did not hold that the fact that the building department refused to allow the structure to be erected on the site of the old subway incline and that the concrete track support would have to be blasted away in limited time each day, constituted valid reason for such lack of progress.

The Alco Construction Company, which has the contract for the new building for \$345,000, has complained to the fire commissioner and to the Mayor that it has been interfered with and has had no opportunity to work effectively.

CLERGY LAUD SERVICE OF DR. FROTHINGHAM

Characterizing the Rev. Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham as a Unitarian fundamentalist, the Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon of the Old South Church, Congregational, today the chief speaker at exercises held in the Arlington Street Church last evening in celebration of Dr. Frothingham's twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor there. Highlighting his statement, Dr. Gordon said that Dr. Frothingham was a Unitarian by conviction, and fundamental in his adherence to truths basic for all humanity.

Other speakers, who included the Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, president of the American Unitarian Association; the Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Crothers of Cambridge, and Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard, spoke in praise of Dr. Frothingham as a forward-looking man, a leader by virtue of character, fearless in right doing, humble before God.

OLD STATION TO BE RAZED

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special)—The old Boston & Albany Railroad depot, 1.5 m. which the soldiers of this city set forth in the Civil War, is to be razed. The structure originally stood where the present freight depot stands, but in the 70's or early 80's it was moved to the present site off West Street in the rear of the Pittsfield Lumber Company's yard.

SEIZURES OF 52 AUTOMOBILES MADE

Customs Men on Vermont Border Make Report

ST. ALBANS, Vt., Dec. 18 (AP)—During the three months ended November 30 the customs border road patrol in this district seized 52 automobiles, valued at \$21,655, 11,334 bottles of liquor and ale and 372 gallons of alcohol, valued at \$11,120, and one horse, valued at \$100, a report issued today by Collector Harry C. Whitehill said.

The total value of all the seizures was \$32,875, against a cost of operation of 20 automobiles at \$6900, which makes a return to the Government of nearly five times the cost of manning and repairing the patrol cars.

From illicit shipments by railway, the officials seized 34,032 bottles of ale, valued at \$2215, 50 barrels of bulk whisky valued at \$200, 20 tons of hay, 1000 feet of lumber and 125,000 cedar lath, valued at \$1244.

NEW MOTOR LAW BOARD IS NAMED

10 Insurance Companies Selected in Plans to Establish State Rates

Insurance companies which are to be represented on the governing board that is to administer compulsory automobile insurance in Massachusetts were elected at a meeting of about 40 insurance men in the State House today. Ten companies were selected to be represented.

The governing committee is to control the Massachusetts Automobile Rating and Accident Prevention Bureau, which is organized for the purpose of carrying on statistical research to aid Wesley E. Monk, state insurance commissioner, in fixing proper rates for compulsory automobile insurance. Under the statute passed by this year's Legislature the rates must be ready by Sept. 1, 1926, and will go into effect Jan. 1, 1927.

At the meeting today a resolution was adopted informing the commissioner that the bureau is organized and ready for the transaction of business. The constitution framed at the November meeting of insurance companies was generally accepted.

The insurance companies represented on the governing committee, elected today, include the following stock companies: Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Company, Travelers' Insurance Company, Ocean Accident & Guarantee Company, and the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation. The non-stock companies represented are: Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, Automobile Mutual Liability Insurance Company, and the Federal Mutual Liability Insurance Company.

CHANNEL REPORT SPURS SPONSORS

Missouri River Transport Advocates Cheered by Army Indorsement

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18 (Special Correspondence)—Assurance from United States army engineers in charge that a navigable channel can be opened in the Missouri River from Kansas City to St. Louis within two years has quickened the efforts of river transportation advocates in southwestern states to obtain the necessary funds. Encouragement also has come from the statement of President Coolidge in his recent message to Congress endorsing specifically completion of river channels connecting Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and New Orleans.

That the Missouri River channel between this city and the mouth of the river near St. Louis may, with adequate funds, be made ready for navigation within two years has been stated as an actual possibility by Maj. C. C. Gee, district engineer directing channel improvements. Major Gee, with a corps of assistants, is stationed at Kansas City. His statement, which engineers state they are corroborated by Maj. Gen. Harry Taylor, chief of army engineers.

Obstructions in the form of sand bars could be removed in that time so that the stream could be used for navigation while permanent improvements were going forward. On the scale that improvement work has been proceeding in the past, about 10 years would be required to complete the channel. Engineers state they are ready to proceed with the two-year, temporary improvement plan, provided Congress allots funds sufficient for follow-up work of a permanent type. They also ask that navigation interests of Kansas City furnish assurance the river channel will be immediately opened.

Efforts to secure the larger appropriations for the river have been made by the Missouri River Navigation Association, recently organized here. A delegation from this body, representing cities and rural districts of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, recently presented the case for the Missouri River to President Coolidge. Administration leaders and members of Congress from most of the middle western states. These spokesmen for the Missouri River joined with advocates of the inland lakes-to-the-gulf waterway system in asking for funds that would permit completion of channels in all the approved river projects of the United States within five years.

The amount recommended by the Budget Bureau for river and harbor improvement in the next fiscal year is \$40,000,000. Waterway advocates of the central and southwestern states are asking that the amount be not less than \$55,000,000. The amount desired for the Missouri River is not less than \$20,000,000 annually.

Officials of the Kansas City Missouri River Navigation Company, including J. C. Nichols, vice-president, and W. Mackie, secretary, state the company is ready to begin designing of boats and barges of the latest approved type immediately the question of funds for channel improvement is settled. The navigation company says it has funds amounting to \$700,000 to be used in preliminary work in the fitting out of river craft.

BOYD ISSUE FOR ROAD

LURAY, Va., Dec. 18 (Special Correspondence)—Shenandoah District, in Page County, has voted a bond issue of \$300,000 to be used in building a road between the towns of Shenandoah and Newport, a distance of about seven miles.

SOVIET LEADERS SEEKING EXPANSION AT CHINA'S COST

(Continued from Page 1)

professions of the Russian rulers, whatever be the nature of their politics philosophy, the urge to conquest and expansion seems irresistible. Whether it be the desire of power-made autocrats, or the inevitable expression of the economic need of the Russian mass, the outward pressure of Russia, especially in the direction of warm water, seems an unalterable quantity. Finally and completely defeated in Europe by the pact of Locarno, the Moscow autocrats can now turn their whole attention to the Far East. And there events have consistently changed. Unable to protect his rear

It has been said that Russia's chief concern in the Chinese treaty was the Chinese Eastern Railway. She secured in her agreement with Peking the control she wanted, but Chang Tso-lin, the ruler of Manchuria, refused to recognize the act of Peking dealing with a railroad which crossed his territory. Russia had not long to wait, however. Within a few months Chang and his old rival, Wu Pei-fu, were once more at war. Russia concentrated her troops at either end of the Chinese Eastern Railway and then took up the question of the treaty with Chang. Unable to protect his rear against a Russian-supported attack, Chang could not help himself and in September of 1924 signed the agreement demanded by the Soviets, an agreement which ratified and confirmed the Russian control of the railway agreed to by Peking.

"Autonomous" Provinces
The wording of this treaty is as significant as the manner in which it was forced upon Chang. In it he is described as the "Ruler of the Autonomous Three Eastern Provinces," and as such he signed the document. Thus Russia, mouthing international justice and respect for the integrity of China, is the first and so far the only foreign power which has recognized Chang's attempt to set up an autonomous state in Manchuria.

Russian control of the Chinese Eastern Railway was a direct threat to the security of the Japanese position in Manchuria, the stationing of troops were not slow to recognize the danger. Old railway projects, some of which had long been allowed to lie dormant, were revived and activity was renewed. Branch lines from the South Manchurian Railway were laid out and construction work begun. These branches are none of them justifiable economically in the sense that there is no probability that they can pay interest on the investment involved. But they are calculated seriously to impair the Chinese Eastern as an economic agency and to render it almost worthless as a military instrument. But Russia has two strings to her bow. A check in Manchuria gives added impetus to her drive through Mongolia. Here she has even more flagrantly disregarded China and Chinese rights than she has in Manchuria. A reactionary raid in 1921 gave the Soviets an excuse to enter Mongolian territory. Red troops occupied Urga, the capital, and set up a Mongolian Soviet regime. Since then the Russian position has been consolidated, and Mongolia has become in all essentials a Russian province. Despite the fact that official notice has been given to China that the Russian troops have been withdrawn, the Urga Government acts promptly on the orders of Moscow, and such troops as there are in the country are responsive to Soviet direction.

General Wu Defeated
Chang Tso-lin was not the only sufferer in his warfare with Wu Pei-fu in the summer of 1924. Wu also came to grief. His trusted lieutenant, Feng Yu-hsiang, who enjoys widespread fame as the "Christian general," suddenly turned upon his chief, and drove him from power. When the dust had settled upon this battlefield of intrigue and treachery, Chang had extended his sway over Tientsin, Paoingtu, Nanking and Shanghai, and he and Feng were face to face in Peking.

It was only a question of time when these two leaders would come to blows for the control of the government, and each made great preparations. Chang held all of the great industrial centers and a number of arsenals. Feng, confined to the territory northwestward from Peking, had control of no large city, no industrial resources and no source of munitions. Without aid he was doomed to early and easy defeat. But aid was at hand. Russia would help in return for his acceptance of Russian dictation. Feng was constrained to accept, and Mongolia was forthwith turned into a drill-ground for Russian-trained Mongolian troops to support him against the Manchurian dictator, while all the regular traffic across the Gobi desert was suspended and every available motorcar requisitioned to carry arms and munitions and other supplies from Russian territory to Feng's bases at Kalgan and Dolonnor.

Soviet Drive Toward Coast
Feng thus became the spearhead of the Russian drive toward the coast. When Wu Pei-fu organized his new federation of the Yangtze provinces

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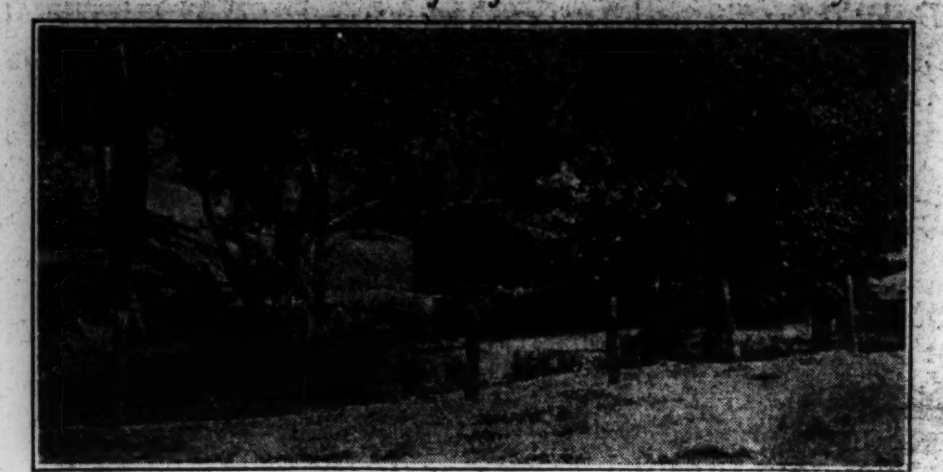
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tegrity of China is once done away with.

Foreign Control
I would not be understood to argue for the indefinite continuance of treaty privileges in China. They should be removed at the earliest opportunity. But to remove them summarily at the present juncture and in the present temper of Russia, would be to invite disaster. It would mean the emergence of a strong united China, but the destruction of China as a unified state.

Treaty Powers Involved
If Russia can carry through such a program, she will not only have realized the dream of Peter the Great, but she will have accomplished the breakup of China, of which Russian and British statesmen talked so freely in the years before the Boxer rebellion. More than that, she will have set the stage for a new struggle in the Far East, which, while it may begin between Russia and Japan, will be alive with the possibility of involving other powers.

It is well to consider some of these possibilities. The status quo is involved. As this is written the customs conference is still in session. But how long will it continue? When the Russians finally won the ear of Sun Yat-sen, it was agreed that if he came to power, the unequal treaties with the Western Powers and Japan should be abrogated by China. Fenz is much more beholden to Russia than was Sun, and he has already announced that, in his opinion, China should make no part in the customs conference, but should herself demand the treaties and assume her full rights as a sovereign state.

It may be that the conference will be allowed to drag on, with China demanding the full restitution of her rights in order to use more capital out of the refusal or hesitancy of the powers. But there is little probability that under Russian urging the Chinese representatives will abate one iota of their intransigence. If they will, the conference will be a harder for the abolition of extraterritoriality. If they win on extraterritoriality, they will demand Chinese control of the customs and salt administrations.

China Unorganized
All of these things should unquestionably be restored to China. As a sovereign state her argument for the abolition of the privileges extorted from her by the powers is unanswerable. She has the glorious history of Chinese civilization, despite the magnificent qualities of the Chinese people, despite the increasing self-consciousness of the Chinese Nation, China is not yet organized as a state. She has no government which can assume the responsibilities or perform the duties of sovereignty either within the country or in its relations with other states. The real political entities on this earth today are the constantly shifting dominions of the various tuncus. They are not China, but it is they who stand ready to take advantage of any concessions made by the powers at Peking. Their influence is wholly devolved. The ascendancy would inevitably result in rendering China into several states at war with each other and a prey to the machinations of aggressive outsiders.

Strange as it may appear, the one remaining thing which binds China together at the present time is the interest of the treaty powers in its unity. However iniquitous their iniquity, whatever abuses have arisen in their exercise—and they are many—the rights of the powers in China and their insistence upon a legitimate exercise of those rights are the one present means of holding that vast country together. The sentiment of nationality among the Chinese, rapidly as it is growing, is yet but a splendid sentiment and commands no force which could withstand the centrifugal forces if the interest of the powers in the in-

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egration? There is every evidence that Great Britain and Japan, the two powers most interested, and which, with the United States, can dominate the course of the treaty powers, have sensed the gravity of the situation, and are quite ready to go along with the United States in arriving at a solution consonant with the dignity and the interests of the Chinese. They can work with and greatly assist any constructive movement in China. And their willingness to do so in good faith can no longer be questioned. But they cannot save the situation without the Chinese themselves playing the leading part. They actual, constructive work must be undertaken by Chinese leaders.

It is to the patriotic Chinese then that we must turn for the salutary move in what may well be a desperate situation. If the leaders of Young China persist in accepting the Russian protestations at their face value and in turning a blind eye to the actual aggressions of Russia, then they will drive on in the direction of national destruction. If, on the other hand, they will recognize the changed attitude of the Western Powers and Japan, and set to work with them on a constructive program which will establish a real state in China, strong enough not only to assert and exercise the rights of a sovereign nation, but also to protect the country from aggression by Russia or any other country, the catastrophe may yet be averted. The power of Young China to accomplish such an aim is ample, if its leaders will once free themselves from the obsession of aggression by the Treaty Powers, an obsession well warranted a few years ago but hopelessly anachronistic today, and direct their efforts to defending the country against a much graver danger in the rear—the imperialistic aggressions of Soviet Russia.

FIVE DENVER BANKS
HAVE DOORS CLOSED
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18 (P)—Three Denver banks—the Drovers' National Bank, the Broadway National Bank and the North Denver Bank, the latter a state institution—closed their doors today. The deposits of the three banks aggregated approximately \$4,400,000.

Prosen assets in live-stock loans and an impairment of capital were the reasons indicated by national bank examiners for the closing of the two national banks, while state bank examiners, who took charge of the North Denver Bank, would not make public any reason for its closing.

Two additional Denver banks—the Capitol Hill State Bank and the Metropolitan State Bank—failed to open today.

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Old Grist Mill Gift to Mr. Ford

Woman Who Refused to Sell
Now Makes Him a Present
of the Structure

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 18 (P)—Henry Ford is soon to be given an old grist mill here that dates back to 1798. The mill, which rivals in antiquity the Wayside Inn at Sudbury, another possession of Mr. Ford's, is the property of Mrs. Albert C. Barrows.

Mr. Ford visited here last September in an effort to persuade Mrs. Barrows to sell, but now she has decided to make it a gift. An old-fashioned grain shed will go with the mill, and both will be dismantled and shipped to Dearborn.

The mill structure reveals its age through the action of the water through the years, but its immense grinding wheels and the wooden cogs are still intact and in a fine state of preservation. The lower floor shelters the mechanism of the mill and the upper, on a level with the dam, the old flat stones and bins.

Characteristics of the building methods of the eighteenth century are shown in the hand-hewn wooden beams, 14 inches square, which are held in place by stout, wooden pegs.

ZONING LAW BARS
FILLING STATIONS
MARION, O., Dec. 12 (Special Correspondence)—Appointment of a City Planning Commission, empowered to make a city plan for Marion, is announced by M. L. Buckley, Mayor, following action by the City Council.

A zoning ordinance was passed by the council effective when the new city planning board effects organization. The passage of the zoning ordinance was hastened to prevent further construction of gasoline filling stations in the residential sections.

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REDS MEET IN KREMLIN PALACE

Congress Attended by 1253
Delegates—Internal Differences to Be Aired

By Special Cable
MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—The fourteenth All Union Communist Party Congress opened in the Kremlin Palace today, 1253 delegates attending. It was announced that the party now includes over 1,000,000 members and candidates. Besides considering current political and economic questions, among which the problem of Communist trade unions is perhaps the most important, the congress will probably make an authoritative decision regarding the points of internal party difference which the Moscow conference revealed.

The congress will most probably uphold the viewpoint of the Moscow Conference, condemning as deviations from Leninism the characterizations of the present organization of Soviet industries as state capitalist instead of Socialist, the exaggeration of the extent of the danger of the growth of the Kulaks or rich peasants, the proposal to share the industrial profits among the workers in the industries is directly involved. These ideas are associated with the vice premier, Mr. Kamenef, and the leading members of the Leninist organization, which George Zinoviev is head, but no immediate change in the outward political status of Kamenef and Zinoviev is likely.

By Special Cable
LONDON, Dec. 18.—The General Council of the Trade Unions Congress here has now agreed to postpone indefinitely the calling of the "Unity Conference" to discuss the linkage of the Russian trade union movement with the organized workers of other lands. The decision which was generally anticipated after the Berlin conference between the British and Russian trade union leaders at the beginning of the month, has caused great disappointment in Russian circles and corresponding elation elsewhere in Europe, where it was realized that the conference if persisted in would have meant the disruption of organized European trade unionism.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT
By Special Cable
GENEVA, Dec. 18.—Henri Haeblerlin, vice-president of the Federal Council, has been elected president of the Swiss Confederation for 1926.

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EDUCATIONAL IDEAL MEANS LARGEST SERVICE TO YOUTH

Bishop Anderson, Acting President of Boston University,
Says Broad, Liberal Thought Needed in Schools
and Colleges

"We must exclude from our thinking everything that is partial, that is sectional, that is provincial, or that is sectarian, and stand upon the platform of the largest possible service to youth of this generation and of future generations, regardless of race, color, creed, nation, language, or any other distinctive factor."

This is the educational ideal urged by Dr. William F. Anderson, bishop of the Boston area of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and acting president of Boston University, in his annual report to the trustees of the institution.

Seeks Broader Co-operation
Development of a wider interdenominational co-operation among the universities and freedom of the public schools and colleges from sectarian bias are emphasized by Bishop Anderson as two of today's chief educational needs.

"For any professor to attempt to teach chemistry, or physics, or biology, or zoology, or astronomy, or philosophy, or psychology, or sociology from the viewpoint of any particular denomination would be for him to make himself utterly ridiculous in the educational world of today," his report declares.

"And for any board of trustees or any faculty to raise any sort of a sectarian test for the student body would be for them to advertise themselves as belonging to an age long past."

Church Patron of True Learning
Bishop Anderson said that the church can and should be a friend of education and a patron of true learning after. Pointing to the unbiased service which Protestant churches have rendered in this field and mentioning Harvard as having developed under Unitarian auspices. Yale and Dartmouth under Congregational sponsorship, Syracuse University.

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By Special Cable
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In British Columbia
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Organized Group of Boys Turns Out \$415.16 of Work This Year

Live Wire Electrical Achievement Club Makes New Record Among the More Than 600 Junior Organizations in the Northeastern States

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 18 (Special).—In turning out work to the value of \$415.16 during the club year just recently concluded, the 15 boy members of the Live Wire Electrical Achievement Club of Keeseville, N. Y., have established a new record among the more than 600 Junior Achievement organizations in the Northeastern states, says the office of the bureau here.

Household electric appliances manufactured by the boys for home use and for sale had a sales value of \$302. A contract for wiring a building for 18 lamps brought the club \$28. Repair work on electric appliances in Keeseville homes gave the club an income of \$85.46. While carrying on this record club business, the Keeseville boys also gave a thorough demonstration of the value of the corporate scheme of organization which is now being adopted by numerous Junior Achievement clubs of the Northeast.

Organized May 8, 1924, the Live Wire Club almost immediately began to attract attention with its unique form of organization. It was one of the first Achievement clubs to organize in every way possible just as a real corporation under New York State laws would do. It adopted a charter, it issued stock to finance its club program of electrical work, elected corporate officers, handled its funds through one of the local banks, and is planning to declare dividends out of its net earnings of the past year. E. B. Read, manager of a local furniture factory, is the club leader. The club meets at the Read home.

Early in the year Keeseville, a community of some 1500 population, was thoroughly canvassed by the boys for all sorts of electrical appliances which were in need of repair. Forty-two such repair jobs were secured by the club, which brought in the sum of \$85.46. Then boys learned to make such articles as bridge and table lamps, electric toasters, heating pads, storage batteries and radio sets. From the sale of articles of this nature the club added \$80 to its earnings. Other articles to the value of \$222 were made for use of club members themselves or have been manufactured for sale and not yet been disposed of. Included in this list are four radio sets listed on the club's books as having a sales value of \$165. Other jobs shown on the club's annual report include the making of an electrically illuminated decorative star, a couple of doorbell sets, several tool boxes and a "mystic opalescent" exhibit which was displayed by the club at the Essex County Fair at Westport, N. Y., and at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass.

Exhibited Products. The club record also shows that all 15 boys entering the year's work completed their enterprises; that 39 club meetings were held during the year; that club members demonstrated their work before two outside groups, and that the club ex-

hibited some of its products at five different events. Along with their work program, the Live Wire boys have had plenty of good fun. On one occasion they entertained all the other Junior Achievement clubs of Keeseville at a banquet and during the summer they spent a week-end at Camp Abnaki (the Y. M. C. A. boys' camp of Vermont). On the occasion of this visit to the camp the Live Wire boys arranged for a field day and in the track and field meet which was held they won from the Y. M. C. A. boys by a 28-to-26 score. As the Live Wire club membership was only 15 and there were about 200 boys in the track and field meet, this was considered an almost wealthy performance on the part of the Junior Achievement club members.

The Live Wire club has now reorganized for another year's work in the electrical enterprise and the boys are hoping to beat their own record. This is but one of some 60 Junior Achievement clubs in various industrial and home-making enterprises in Essex County, all of them being under the direct supervision of Miss Emily Linhoff, Westport, director of the Essex County Junior Achievement Foundation.

LISBON ELECTS MARKET QUEEN

Portuguese of Provinces Gather at Capital to Witness Festival

LISBON, Dec. 1 (Special Correspondence).—For the first time in Portugal a market festival, part of which was carried out on the lines of the Parisian fete, was recently realized with signal success. Organized by the Lisbon Municipal Chamber, it was eagerly responded to, not only by the population of Lisbon but by a great part of that of the provinces, and the capital was thronged with over 100,000 people during the three days that the festival lasted.

The part that appealed most to the general public was the choice of a queen for each of the three principal markets, and that of the queen of all the markets, by a select jury of artists and prominent men of letters and painters, who assembled for that purpose at the town hall. The final choice fell on a pretty black-eyed girl of 18, Hilda Fernandes, possessing the typical beauty of the "Varino" race, who took her place in an ornate triumphal car with eight other girls wearing typical costumes, representing the eight provinces of Portugal. The hitherto obscure fish girl suddenly became an almost wealthy person, the Lisbon shopkeepers bestowing presents upon her, each from his respective shop, while some of the merchants sent her considerable sums of money.

One of the curious and interesting things to be seen during the festivities was the reconstruction of a sixteenth-century market, with its old stalls and tents, picturesque costumes and dim oil illumination. Armorer and Jewish curio dealers exhibited antique arms and brass ware, and the fruit and vegetables piled in huge platted baskets, copied from those used in Portugal in the sixteenth century, were sold by quaintly coiffed and garbed women and men. This reconstruction was carried out by a committee of historians and men of letters, aided by scenographic artists, and was minutely correct in every detail.

Prizes were also given to the most artistically decorated stalls in the other big Lisbon markets, and the results obtained from all the entrance fees was applied to public charities.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE. Louisville & Nashville has contracted with Pressed Steel Car for 1000 all-steel gondola cars of the same type as 1500 now under contract, delivery to be accepted at rate of 25¢ a car as soon as present contract is completed.

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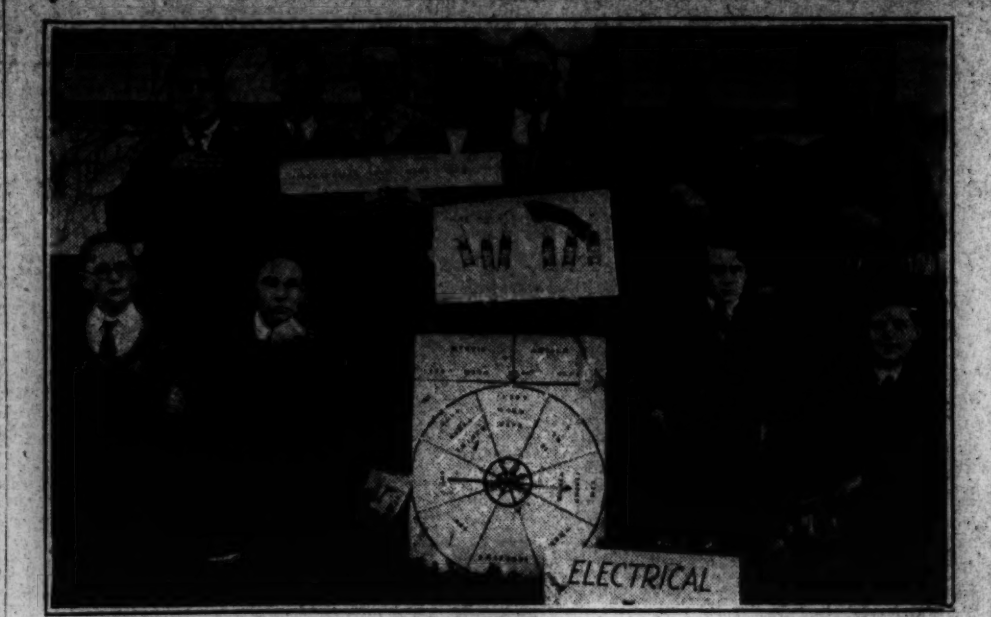
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Boys Who Have Made an Excellent Year's Record in Achievement



Members of the Live Wire Achievement Club, Front, Left to Right: Richard Winters, Alfred Macs, Donald Greene, James Safford. Rear: Louis Riani, President of Club; Charles Bombardier, Frank McGuire, John P. Greene, Leland Stanford, Walter Leclair, Augustus Boynton.

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DUTCH USE MORE MOTOR VEHICLES

Last Five Years Show Steady Increase of From 8000 to 10,000 Annually

THE HAGUE, Dec. 2 (Special Correspondence).—The number of motor vehicles is steadily increasing in the Netherlands. On Jan. 1, 1925, there were in use 31,000 automobiles and 37,000 motorcycles, totaling 68,000. For the year 1921 the total figure was 41,000; for 1922, 47,000, and for 1923, 50,000. For the last five years there has been a steady increase of from 8000 to 10,000 a year.

According to statistics, the population of Holland on Jan. 1, 1925 was 7,300,000, and there was one motor vehicle to every 235, and one automobile to every 235. At present the number of automobiles is more than 10 times as large as it was 10 years ago. It is interesting to note that during 1924 the increase of motor-cycles amounted to only 500, so that the whole increase of motor vehicles came under the heading of automobiles.

Compared with the figures for the United States, where there is one automobile to every six inhabitants, there is ample room for increase in Holland. In proportion to the improvement of the economic position of western Europe, the number of motor vehicles will increase also.

Another important factor is the necessity for good roads. Lately the improvement and widening of roads has been vigorously taken up in Holland, especially in the western part, where, owing to the big cities, it is most essential. The road between Amsterdam and The Hague is being made of cement with a path for cyclists at the side. The act, peaty character of the soil makes the construction of good roads very expensive.

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BRITISH HORSE TRADE BETTERED

Animal Protection Societies' "Whitewash" Charge Is Refuted

Special from Monitor Bureau. LONDON, Dec. 4.—The conditions which characterized the traffic in horses from Great Britain to the Continent of Europe in the years preceding 1921 have now almost entirely disappeared, according to Major J. W. Hills, chairman of the committee appointed by the British Government to investigate this matter. The report of this committee gave rise to many protests from the various animal protection societies in Great Britain as being an attempt to "whitewash" an indefensible traffic.

Major Hills is convinced that at the moment Great Britain has less reason to be ashamed of the treatment meted out to the horses sent abroad than of its treatment of many of the horses which remain at home. He considers that one of the most important points to which lovers of animals should devote their attention is the leveling up of the international standard until it is at least equal to the export standard.

The result of inquiries in France, Belgium and Holland, Major Hills declared, was to establish the fact that in Holland conditions were generally superior to those in Great Britain; in Belgium things were less satisfactory, but conditions in that country were now almost equal to conditions in Great Britain. As to France, he had not been able to establish any definite proof of cruelty.

Finally, Major Hills said he wished to rebut the suggestion that he and his committee had "had the wool pulled over their eyes," and that when they made an inspection things had been carefully stage-managed for their benefit. He declared that most of the inspection had been carried out by the members of the committee without disclosing their identity.

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Swedes Hold Maneuvers Before Partial Disbanding

King Gustav and the Crown Prince Present at Imposing Operations

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 26 (Special Correspondence).—One of the greatest army maneuvers ever held in Sweden, under the leadership of King Gustav, and the Crown Prince taking part, has recently come to a close. Besides being the most imposing maneuvers held for many years in Sweden, they were also the saddest to those taking part, because it was perhaps the last time that many of the traditional regiments will assemble in their original form for war maneuvers on peaceful soil.

It is a notable fact that whereas these maneuvers were distinguished by the greatest technical efficiency yet reached in some points in any country, they precede the permanent disbanding of one-third of Sweden's standing army. As will be recalled, this decision was reached by the Swedish Social-Democratic Parliament last May.

The great "Ostgöta" military maneuvers were held from Sept. 27 to Oct. 2 in one of Sweden's oldest cultural centers around the ancient Alvastra Cloister, Skonninge and Vadstena City, the Crown Prince taking a active part in the generalissimo's quarters.

300-Year-Old Regiments. The last day, when the King reviewed the troops comprising 20,000 men, the Queen and Crown Princess Louise also attended. In these maneuvers many of Sweden's oldest regiments took part, whose history dates back to the sixteenth century. In no other European country now exist regiments which have maintained their original form unchanged for over 300 years.

At the review which terminated these maneuvers, the famous Smland's Hussars (formerly Smland's Riders) came first. This is the historic cavalry regiment at the head of which King Gustavus Adolphus II fought and fell on Nov. 6, 1632, at Lutzen, in Germany. The inhabitants of the districts of these historic maneuvers, about 10,000 onlookers, received the soldiers with all possible cordiality, and took a most interest.

ated, though passive, part in the proceedings of the "war."

Applause, Sorrow, and Regret. Especial applause, mingled with noticeable sorrow and regret, was given to the famous regiment indigenous to this district—the Second Life Guards, which now, for the last time, was seen as an acting unit. In this regiment the grandfathers and great-grandfathers of the people had freely served, and great to their pride in this regiment, which has taken part in many a historic battle. This is a total of regiments to be disbanded are two cavalry, six infantry, and two artillery regiments, amounting to two army divisions.

As service time for conscripted soldiers is nowadays so short, the splendid results of the maneuvers must be ascribed to the good soldier material, as well as to the morale of the men in the ranks, who showed not only interest but enthusiasm to carry out the purposes of their officers.

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THE HOME FORUM

Jesters and a Mirth-Maker.

THOSE almost forgotten days when to read and write were the privilege and labor of the cloistered few, when, even for those who desired to progress in the country of thought books were so rare and costly that a meager collection of ten or twelve was a rich library, the art of personal entertaining was an invaluable possession. The constant opportunity afforded us, in these days of popular production, of retiring at our own sweet wills into another world of our own choosing, of shutting away this visible universe by the innocent process of holding an open book between ourselves and it, has in no small measure put to sleep this faculty of entertaining. But to the simple, unpretentious Saxon, and the later long-smoked English, story-telling, ballading or lyric-singing was a very essential part of every man's equipment. These accomplishments, too, represented more than mere pleasures; they were a stringent necessity. In the lamplight evenings, down the long trestle tables, or round a timber fire on the open hearth, it would have been full and indeed without song, for after the day's long labor and the one vast meal, partaken of at a single table, by the whole household in gradation, there was little left before the instant curfew sounded them to bed. On such a such a day of the year the merrymakers would be in, stamping off the snow on the threshold of the Great Hall, with their merry merrymakers of St. George, or their uproarious "lancers," of a wet night a sopping band of errant minstrels or a pair of traveling jugglers or tumblers would come seeking hospitality and a night's rest, to be paid for in their kind. Other nights, the repeat over, trestles would be cleared off by brawny hands, and lord would dance with laundress, Hob with the housewife. But the stoniest legs were not built to dance forever, not even the joyous dances of the old English countryside which, with their purest melodies and innocent freedom, are again the pleasure of thousands. Then the time for story and roundelay, and he took a low bench who could contribute nothing to the fun.

An old and familiar figure between the pages of history and romance is the jester, in his parti-colored motley shaking his stick of bells or looking stonily through flaxen lashes as he prepares the track for some fresh ally. Vocational wit and clown, he doubtless saved the humor of many a party when backs were cold and invention down to the pebbles, and he has won a place today in the hearts of all. Shakespeare with his irrepressible Shalot much to enhance his loveliness, and in our own times Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, in their "Yeoman of the Guard," have celebrated for our delight his essential humanity.

The jester was not always so considered nor strictly prized. Though for professional purposes always a privileged person, he was very com-

monly looked down upon as a menial servant. Malvolio considered himself highly abused at being sought by the "barren rascal" of a Feste, and would "none" of those "fool's" jokes that laugh at such. Wambs, consorted with the swineherds of the Lord Cedric's household.

The jester has "as large a character in the palace as in the cottage and a case, and of the royal jesters of the kings of France many earned considerable reputation and are remembered still. Of jesters to the English kings, however, records are surprisingly scanty. The one best known to us was strictly, and a jester. For John Heywood, mirth-maker in general to King Henry VIII, was something more than a common fool. Born of gentle parents, connected with the court, he was a Master of Arts at Oxford, he held a position superior to that of professional fool, blending with it something of the old Viking scold and Saxon harpist. We hear of him first from Henry VIII's Book of Payments, earning a humble wage as a "synger," and later as a "player of the Virginals." Described by the Rev. John Bale as a citizen of London, he spent almost all his life at the court, first of Henry, and then of Mary. "His merriments," said a later critic, "were so irresistible that they moved even the rigid muscles of Queen Mary."

He was one of those happy creatures born to sing, and he lived in days when song and mirth sat the throne of England. Henry's court was known Europe over for its pomp and gaiety. "Disguisings," "mummings," and the new "masque," just brought over from Italy, pageants or "ridings," royal progresses, levees and processions, and the great feasts and merry days, and in the heart of it all lived and laughed John Heywood.

Art thou Heywood with thy mad, merry wit?

Yes, forsooth, master, that name is even it.

Art thou Heywood that appliest mirth more than thirt?

Yes, sir, I take mirth a golden gift. Art thou Heywood that hath made men merry long?

Yes, and will if I be made merry among.

Art thou Heywood that wouldst be made merry now?

Yes, sir, help me to it now, I beseech you.

He was a multifarious and voluminous writer, including among his works serious political pamphlets and theological disputations. Many of his quips are enshrined in the "Dialogue" conferring the number of the effectual proverb in the English tongue, first published in 1542 and quickly running into at least ten editions, a quarry from which many of the Elizabethan playwrights drew suggestions of the admirable wit, and in which even the great Ben Jonson did not disdain to dig. He is better known to students of literature by his work for the stage.

But the essential John Heywood appears in his "very merry Interludes," a charming medley of inconsequent clowning, bandying of repartee and mere verbal jugglery. Writes he in one:

Forsooth women have so many lets (hindrances)

And they be masked in so many nets, As frontlets, fillets, partiels and bracelets,

And then their bonnets and their points—

By these lets and nets the let (hindrance) is such

That speed is small when haste is such.

He is forever, too, playing with his meter; no form is too hard for him, and he leaps from one to another as a circus rider springs easily between the horses' backs. There is little or no plot, but we scarcely miss it; we are going nowhere, but so delighted on our way that we care not to prefer it so. But, when he wishes, he is a story teller; he can hold his own with the best. Like Chaucer, choosing his tales to suit his characters, he writes to hold attention. It is a very human devil that, who, in the "Dialogue of the Four Ps," recognizes the Pardoner at the gates of the nether regions.

For oft in the play of Corpus Christi (the "Mystery Play")

He hath played the devil at Coventry,

—A town famous for its "mysteries." The description of the other devil, too, is unsurpassed, even by Byron in his "Vision of Judgment," or by Mr. Kipling in his "Tomlinson":

Their horns well gilt, their claws full clean,

Their tails well combed, and as I ween,

With soother buttler their bodies anointed,—

I never saw devils so well appointed!

Jupiter, in the interlude of "The Weather," which he is trying to mend, is found making a new moon.

"For old moons be leak: they can hold no water."

He is not indisposed on occasion to sharp satire, but with such a broad grin on his face that no one, least of all the victim, could take it amiss.

As I for mirth merrily did make it, So you in mirth merrily will take it.

And we inevitably had with John Heywood that, if anyone to suffer, it is not going to be the humble or the lowly. The "Pleasant" in "Gentleness and Nobility" utterly rebukes the Merchant and the Knight.

Also, he has a wondrous delight in, and love of, children. The supple or the joy, "the least that can play," to Jupiter in the already-mentioned interlude is charming:

All my pleasure is . . . snowballs and Of makage of . . . snowballs and throwage the same.

In all he writes is something, whatever the mood or topic, of brisk jollity, unmalicious merriment, gentleness, against fashion and all folly, and a long, broad, loud and never-ceasing laugh. A. A. L. S.

The Broad Highway.

Written for The Christian Science Monitor. Finger post and milestones, hedges of the may And the broad smooth metal of the broad highway: The blackbird on the bough and the merry lark on high; With time to wait beside a gate, to gaze upon the sky.

Meeting twixt the hedges, with a word for each. The wayfarer people with the slow, soft speech: The roadmender tapping in the hedges' checked shade; Or hedges' blithe with hook and scythe, or with his ditcher's spade.

Then we did not hurry over clean, green miles: Loitering by wood-sides, leaning over stile; Lingered at crossways we were random in our choice: When all the ways were still with praise, and every vale a voice.

Finger post and milestones, and the footpath's lure: Ways without an ending, for our dreams endure. Far from the still and hedges, from the happy, carefree day: When forth we strode without a load upon the broad highway.

Douglas Hurn.

A Night on the Great Wall.

"Shun Hua," I said, "I want to spend one night upon its ancient crumbling top. I want to sleep there underneath the stars, away from every thought but those surrounding it! Could it be done?"

"It usually can," was her quick reply. "If I should do so, I should be looked upon as mad! My husband would 'lose face,' but foreigners may do such things with all impunity. This time, you and your husband go alone and take the cook, while I remain and watch my house for a few days."

We passed the Marco Polo Bridge, spanning the River Hun, a spot renowned in many ways. Its name is taken from the fact that the Great Traveler crossed it in his wanderings and wrote of it with almost praise. In fact, he said it was the finest bridge in all the world! Even to-day the Chinese at the full moon call it one of their seven famous sights.

We read of how for five years it was being built by countless workmen, where no time or cost was spared. Slowly they shaped its thirteen graceful arches and its parapet, and carved its countless lions out of stone.

From time to time it was restored, and even now is looked upon with admiration by our modern engineers.

It is indeed a feat permanently to place so large a bridge, whose piers are the changing quicksands and the soft mud bottom of the stream. And, too, historically its mark is left indelibly upon the country's past, for at this spot the nation's history was so completely changed. Here the great Genghis Khan . . . broke through and reached Peking, and a new, alien dynasty began.

We felt the pulling of the engine as our train ascended to higher and higher, and finally we stopped at a small station, the Bright Dragon Bridge. Descending, we saw the cook to get some donkeys for our camping things, while we walked on.

In but a short half hour we should reach the Wall—this monstrous monument—this mystery which has survived a hundred generations, and still lives! . . . Like a mysterious dragon of unending length, it reaches the sea to loftiest mountains, and waves along their sides, into deep valleys and far up again across cold, jagged peaks. . . .

The Wall soon came in sight, rising before us as we turned a bend in a line of "massive masonry interspersed with towers constructed at the heightiest age of the Chinese realm." Here was the entrance to the Nankow Pass, the very gateway through its solid breadth, where for centuries Mongolian traders were allowed to enter, seeking the only pathway through the long mountain range, into forbidden China to the south.

We climbed a ramp and found ourselves upon its top, gazing at jagged mountain ranges far beyond in serried outlines clear against a deep blue sky. The mountains, rocks, and walls all seemed to blend in soft brown sepia shades, and the profound quiet, overwhelming to our thoughts, now brooded over space. Ragged brown grasses crackled underneath our feet, and we too stood in silence, much impressed and moved by all we saw.

A long brown train of camels went their torpid way into the now deserted gate below—where in the past soldiers always stood guard, and down into the Pass. From northern countries they had come, bearing their ponderous bags of merchandise for bartering in the south. They made a picture long to be remembered, this graceful winding camel train, blending into the reddish brown of rugged mountains and of Wall—just such a picture, as, no doubt, one could have seen a thousand years ago. . . .

The way grew very steep, and the Wall swung itself in long far-reaching zigzag sweeps across the hills. It seemed as though a giant had conceived it from another world. A moment's thought, it turns and twists and climbs, undaunted by the mountain heights or deep ravines or time. It lives to-day as it did two thousand years ago, only that it is silent and deserted, with no lines of guards or watch-towers in its mirth, watch-towers built at frequent intervals along the way.

Often we stopped and rested, then climbed on, until so high a peak was reached it seemed that we had reached a distant, isolated realm. . . .

Thinking these many thoughts, I fell asleep, and woke again, to see the dawn spread a white misty brightness over the rolling mountains and the gray, bleak Wall. Elizabeth C. Enders, in "Temple Bells and Silver Sails."



Keystone Canyon, Alaska Mountains

Photograph by U. S. Department of the Interior

IT IS a curious strange circumstance that because a few courageous Russians went adventuring half a century ago through the utterly unknown wilds of Alaska, now those outposts of civilization—the railway and the camera—should be domiciled in those difficult but majestically beautiful regions. Mountain ranges reach here and there throughout the lower portion of that expansive domain, the crowning glory of them all being Mount McKinley, which rears its towering bulk within sight from the peaceful Keystone Canyon, whose profound desolation in those difficult but majestically beautiful regions. Mountain ranges reach here and there throughout the lower portion of that expansive domain, the crowning glory of them all being Mount McKinley, which rears its towering bulk within sight from the peaceful Keystone Canyon, whose profound desolation in those difficult but majestically beautiful regions. 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Observer Declares It Unthinkable That Official Bulgaria Had Any Hand—Finds Komitadj, Bulgar Brigands, Back of It

By CRAWFORD PRICE

Special from Monitor Bureau
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Now that the recent attack on the Greco-Bulgarian frontier has been happily translated into the realm of diplomatic negotiation, it is desirable to consider the incident in its general inference. While no attempt should be made to attach responsibility for the outbreak—that difficult task has been assumed by the League of Nations—the main facts may be briefly recapitulated. On Oct. 19 firing occurred on the frontier near Demir Kapou (Demir Kapou is Turkish for "Iron Gate," and the Greeks call the place Sidrekastron), as a result of which a Greek sentinal was slain. It is alleged that when a Greek officer crossed the frontier under cover of a white flag to investigate the affair, he also was shot. The fusillade then became general, block-houses on both sides were captured, and within a brief period Bulgarians and Greeks were indiscriminately occupying one another's territory. Having ignored Bulgarian requests for a mixed commission to investigate the situation, the Greeks then moved up part of the Third Army Corps and operated a formal invasion of Bulgaria. They lightly shelled the town of Peritcho, and, in the spirit of an ultimatum, demanded an official apology, the punishment of the responsible officers, and the payment of a heavy indemnity, as the price of the evacuation of some 70 square miles of Bulgarian territory.

League Aid Invoked

The Bulgarian State was in any case unable to offer armed resistance, and on Oct. 22 the Government invoked the aid of the League of Nations. With exemplary fortitude a meeting of the Council, both the morning for Oct. 26 at Paris, both

Some Autumn Visitors

By ALBERT F. GILMORE

THE wise student of nature is always prepared for the unexpected: he knows that the unusual and bizarre may be waiting for him just around the corner, and he goes forth with keen expectancy of novel adventure.

One October morning while engaged in removing some tender plants from the summer house, the greenhouse to insure their escape from the touch of Jack Frost, an unfamiliar bird note, melodious and clear as a bell, struck my astonished ear, and I gave it my undivided attention. Who could this strange being, singing so freely, so far out of season? Whoever it might be, it sang a series of full, clear, rollicking notes quite unfamiliar, somewhat suggesting the quality of the ruby-crowned kinglet's carol, but louder and fuller, a bolder song. Before the glasses could be brought, the singer had moved to another corner of the grounds and, as after a few moments his vocal efforts ceased, we concluded it had flown.

Every morning thereafter for ten days, the stranger sang at the same hour, usually from the top of an elm, then still in half foliage, but so high that it escaped our eager eyes. On the third morning of this welcome minstrelsy, however, it suddenly occurred to me that these notes were not new, but that I had heard them many years ago during trips made to the South for bird study, usually at the Christmas season; and following this back track of memory, it became certain that the bird was a northern garden, even in mid-autumn, we were privileged to enjoy a rare treat, the song of the Carolina wren. A few days after this, I found it, the minstrel of the long ago, at rest on a low branch of the elm in plain sight, and a moment later perched on the locust tree, singing as freely and as gayly as though it were May instead of late October. Huddled into a fluffy ball, it sang and sang with all its might, whee-udel, whee-udel, whee-udel, in tones clear, rich, and highly melodious.

Larger Than Others

This wren is so much larger than most members of its impetuous family—the house wren, the chipping sparrow, and the long-billed marsh wren, and that midget of the deep woods, the winter wren—that the early ornithologists named it the "Great Carolina Wren," not that it is a large bird, except as in comparison with its congeners. It is about five and one-half inches long and its rather large bill curving downward, is shorter than the head. The handsome rusty brown above, the blue of the wings and tail with stripes of darker brown, and it has a white line over the eye; the under parts are also light. The range of this wren, as its name implies, is far to the south of Massachusetts, but now and then it strays northward. But why it should be in full song, at this season, is not easy to explain. It stayed about our neighborhood for more than two weeks, and then disappeared. Later it was heard from in another part of the town, where it attracted unusual attention from admirers with listening ears. We were delighted with its visit, and will always welcome a return engagement. May it not be long delayed!

The blue jays, as usual, are prominent about our grounds during the days. They have become very bold, sharing at times the food of the pigeons and chickens, and frequently visiting the garden for stray ears of corn—so long as there was a kernel left—or seeds of various plants which suit their voracious appetites. We often see them on the ground under the trees with the gray squirrels which are also abundant—the blue and the gray making a fine combination of color. The jays keep a watchful eye out for the squirrels, however, never permitting them a near approach; and both beat a hasty retreat when Admiral Benbow, the big St. Bernard, takes a drive at them. Ben usually moves with an air of sedateness and serenity, becoming wildly excited when he catches the scent of the squirrels, and his efforts to climb the tree up which the fugitives have beat a hasty retreat, are nothing less than frantic. At first it seemed that he might catch a squirrel which ventured too far from a

Turks and persuaded Macedonian Christians that they were Bulgars or Greeks, as the case might be. Today the Bulgarian komitadjis are left, and they, fallen from their high estate, consist of bands of brigands. They have no official connection with the Bulgarian Government, yet they are still intimately (though in a less degree than of old) connected with Bulgarian politics.

They represent the chief obstacle to the establishment of real peace in the Balkans, provoke numerous frontier incidents of more or less importance, and keep Macedonia—particularly southern Serbia—bristling. The menace they present cannot be successfully countered while sanctuary for the outlaws exists across the Bulgarian frontier, where, since the passing of the Agrarian régime, they have been treated with considerable toleration.

League Must Face Problem
The League, then, must tackle this vexed question of the komitadjis. But immediately this is done, there will arise the problem of the Macedonian minorities, for the Serbian and Greek attitude toward the minorities has done much to keep the komitadj movement alive. There are many Slavs in New Greece, and still more alleged Bulgars in New Serbia.

The Serbs have a rough-and-ready method of disposing of the question. They regard all the Slavs in their territory as Serbs, and declare, in consequence, that the question simply does not exist. Much friction has arisen between Belgrade and Sofia because the Bulgarian Government, the komitadj, and part of the population appear to take the opposite view, but the Serbs are adamant, and an important fact to be noted is that, while they would like to support Greek action against the Bulgarian komitadj, they are opposed, and the Greek policy of expelling the Slav population from Greek Macedonia in order to make room for the Hellenic refugees from Asia Minor.

This reminds us of an aspect of Balkan politics which may trouble Europe for some years to come, but which is an ever-present factor. Today the Serbs are to some extent fathoming the Macedonian Slav, whether they call themselves Serb or Bulgar, and there is a large party working for Serbo-Bulgarian solidarity. At some future date, which may not be far distant, the small struggle between Slav and Greek in the peninsula will be revived.

Greece-Slav Rivalry a Test
Save, perhaps, the Polish corridor dividing East Prussia from the rest of Germany, there is nothing in Europe more calculated to test the will to peace than Greco-Slav rivalry in the Balkans. It raises, in its way, the old question of the survival of the fittest. To deprive the Hellenes of the Macedonian seaboard would, on the face of it, be a political crime of the first magnitude, and yet one must admit that, economically and geographically, the natural development is for the Serbs to come down to the sea at Salonika and for the Bulgars to occupy the stretch of coast line from Kavalla to Dedegatch. Wars, incursions, the rise and fall of empires, the ebb and flow of nations, and the vicissitudes of the Ottoman invasion have, indeed, left a difficult legacy in the peninsula. An equitable solution is not within sight.

Although these considerations are not of immediate import, they cannot be altogether ignored when the League commences its peacemaking in the Balkans. As an immediate alternative, it is proposed to set up the peace achieved at Locarno and persuade the Balkan nations to sign a pact of mutual guarantee. The idea is, of course, admirable. Bulgaria has already declared herself favorable to it, and the Serbs, too, the brief exposé contained in this article will have rendered obvious. Bulgaria favors it, rather as a means of drawing attention to her grievances than as an indication of her satisfaction with the peace settlement. Yugoslavia is distinctly lukewarm, both because her national and racial

aspirations are not yet completely satisfied, and because she feels safe among her neighbors. All this does not mean, however, that the project is hopeless. All parties concerned, at least, are ready for reconciliation, and can well leave the developments of the future to take care of themselves. Yet it is questionable if the great powers are well advised to decline the initiative and the back with lordly compassion and say:

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The Balkan government can take the initiative without at once becoming an object of suspicion. The problems and politics, the jealousies and ambitions prevalent in the peninsula are so complex that the remedy can better be proposed—not imposed—from without than from within. The great powers cannot dissociate themselves from the history of the Balkan Peninsula. They are held now with great opportunity, and it is to be hoped that the League of Nations, fresh from its success in having arrested hostilities, and having delivered equitable judgment on the incident under consideration, will forthwith call a conference of the interested parties and lead them toward mutual agreement.

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EDITORIALS

The debate in the Senate on the question of American participation in the Permanent Court of International Justice, was fairly launched yesterday.

Talking of the World Court

Unless some unexpected obstacle intervenes, it will continue until definite action on the subject has been taken. Under the rules of the Senate, the World Court resolution can only be displaced by a majority vote, and an overwhelming majority is at present in favor not merely of the discussion but of American participation in the Court. It would, however, be easy to be oversanguine in the contemplation of this situation, for unexpected events frequently happen in the Senate, the possibilities for obstruction are innumerable, and Senator Borah, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is irreconcilable in his opposition to the resolution.

Fundamentally the question may be divided into two parts. First, is the United States ready to declare itself in favor of substituting the method of pleading before a permanent court for the settlement of international problems, instead of leaving them to the diverse ways of diplomacy with war as the ultimate result? And secondly, is the United States willing to accept the Permanent Court of International Justice, as now constituted, as the tribunal to which such questions can be referred?

We think there can be no question that the American answer to the first proposition is practically unanimous in the affirmative. Senator Borah, himself, says that he does not oppose a World Court, but does oppose this World Court. The senatorial debate, therefore, will be mainly addressed to the second of the foregoing propositions.

The opposition not merely of the Senator but of a considerable body of followers is largely based upon the fact that the existing Court is an alliance, not close but still existent, with the League of Nations. The distinguished jurists who sit upon its bench are nominated by the nations united in the Hague Convention of 1907, among whom the United States is numbered. They are elected by the nations now in the League of Nations, and should the United States give its adherence to the Court it will be given a vote although not itself a member of that League. Already one eminent American sits on the World Court bench.

Much of the antagonism to the Court proceeds from the old party and factional opposition to the League of Nations. This opposition has been so largely allayed that President Coolidge, leader of the Republican Party, gives to the World Court his earnest support, as did Secretary Hughes and the late President Harding. Reservations are provided which eliminate, to the mind of any fair-minded individual, any possibility of control of the Court by the League of Nations, but its opponents complain that the judges are elected by the League. This is not precisely the case. They are elected by the nations represented in the League. How else could they be elected? If it is to be a World Court, its members must be elected by the nations of the world.

The only nations not now in the League are Turkey, Russia and the United States. The provision upon which the co-operation of the United States is sought, gives it a vote equally with the nations actually enrolled in the League. If the proposition is to be set up that a world court must be created without the co-operation of the nations in the League it would seem that that court would have to be chosen by the United States, with the not altogether desirable association of Russia and Turkey alone.

The measure of public support of the World Court resolution is apparently overwhelming. Careful collation shows over 80 per cent of the newspapers of the United States in favor of it and among the 20 per cent in opposition are included a great number of papers controlled by one individual whose hostility to all forms of internationalism is notorious. Day by day the columns of the newspapers are full of resolutions of colleges, chambers of commerce, religious organizations, women's clubs, and associations of all sorts of progressive parties urging acceptance of the resolution. Senator Borah declares that he has "a mandate" to oppose the measure, but the most prominent papers in his own State condemn his position, and even if the whole State of Idaho backed him, it does not seem to constitute so great a part of the American electorate as to justify the endeavor to antagonize the desire of an obvious majority.

It is well that this subject should have the fair, full and exhaustive debate which will obviously consume the time of the Senate. We believe that the measure will be successful, but it is quite as well that before action upon it, it should be discussed in all its phases, not merely that the people may be informed as to its merits or demerits, but in order that the whole issue of American participation in the world-wide endeavor for the maintenance of orderly and harmonious international relations may be given an illuminating investigation for the enlightenment of the American people.

It is no overstatement of the case to say that old-line diplomats, and the State Department itself, were agast when A. P. Moore of Pittsburgh was appointed Ambassador to Spain. It was pointed out that he was accredited to the court in Europe in which there lingered still the greatest regard for form and etiquette, and that his unconventional ways and untutored methods would shock the Spanish grandees.

Never was a prophecy so far from fulfillment. Instead of being shocked, the Escorial, and indeed all Madrid, were delighted. Mr. Moore rapidly built up a most intimate and influential association with members of the Spanish Government, including both the King and the Dictator. He enjoyed their friendship and their

confidence as well. To traveling Americans he was not merely courteous—he was an always ready and serviceable friend. The populace of Madrid adored him for a certain unconventionalality and an open-handedness ingrained in his nature. His retirement, just announced, will be regretted alike by the court and the people.

The Rogers law for the improvement of the diplomatic service would make improbable, if not indeed impossible, such an appointment as that of Mr. Moore. Nevertheless the law is a good one. The old hit-and-miss method of selecting American diplomatic officials has, it is true, worked less disaster than might be expected. It has produced here and there an unusually efficient ambassador or envoy. Indeed, it has been the good fortune of the United States nearly always to be represented at critical points by men of notable ability. But undoubtedly the general level of the diplomatic service will be raised by a systematic method of training and selection such as the law now provides.

Frank Hodges, the secretary of the International Federation of Miners, has advocated for some time past the proposal, now submitted by him officially to the British Coal Commission, that an attempt should be made to establish an International Coal Council to be charged with the duty of organizing the distribution of coal exports, with the object of eliminating price-cutting competition. In a recent visit to Westphalia Mr. Hodges discussed this proposal with the German miners' leaders and others concerned in the industry in that country. A keen discussion followed. Although difficulties were stressed, the proposal was treated with respect as a serious contribution to industrial thought.

Since the war the possibility of evolving some form of regulation of international trade through the League of Nations, especially in that sphere of commerce and industry concerned most closely with the supplies of raw materials and essential foodstuffs, has been considered by statesmen who try to look ahead, and who see in an intensified trade competition between nations a danger of future causes of war. The proposal of Mr. Hodges is influenced to some extent by this wider consideration, but his main purpose in suggesting the international regulation of one commodity only is to eliminate, if possible, a form of competition which is having the effect of depressing the standard of life of miners and their families in all the European coal-producing countries.

Productive capacity is increasing more quickly than consumption, and the growing use of oil, lignite, and water power may widen the gap still more. In these circumstances, Mr. Hodges argues, competition must grow fiercer, particularly between Germany and Great Britain, or there must be co-operation, allocation of markets on a fair basis, and price fixing which shall provide a reasonable standard of life for the miners, with due safeguards for the consumer. He sees that any effort to bring into being at the outset a general international body would have little if any chance of success, and therefore he suggests that a beginning should be made by Germany and Great Britain, as the two principal European exporting countries. He expresses the conviction, nevertheless, that ultimately it would be desirable to bring the United States into such a combination.

The main difficulty stressed by the Germans who have discussed the matter is the absence in Great Britain of any central organization in the coal industry which would have the ability and authority to undertake the task of regulation. By comparison with the conditions in the Ruhr, where the ownership of the mines is vested in a few groups which are closely associated in a syndicate that controls the central selling association, the German mine magnates regard the British industry as chaotic, with hundreds of individual owners all competing keenly one against the other both for the domestic and export trade.

It is believed that this aspect of the problem of British coal trade depression will deeply impress the Royal Commission, and that drastic reorganization will be advocated in its report. Of somewhat more than ordinary interest at the moment, because of the wide discussion which has been going on regarding smoking by young men and young women in American colleges, is the report issued from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, covering a careful survey of actual conditions in that institution. The findings and conclusions recommend themselves to the serious consideration of all who are interested in the subject, whether students, instructors, or parents, because of the complete lack of any indication that the investigation was carried on with the preconceived intention of proving, or disproving, any stated proposition. The findings are in the form of data dealing with conditions which are found to exist, while the conclusions are inevitable from the facts disclosed.

The opportunity afforded for a comprehensive survey is favorable, possibly, because smoking is not forbidden by the college. While Antioch is a co-educational institution, the survey, so far as the report indicates, was conducted among the men students. The disclosures, apparently, have been complete, thus affording a comprehensive and enlightening analysis. Some of the facts presented are intensely interesting. It is shown, for instance, in connection with other related data, that in the field of athletics those young men who have gained pre-eminence in sports in the high schools and preparatory schools while refraining completely from smoking, frequently yield to temptation after entering college, and fall to retain their standing in athletics. To quote a paragraph from the report:

Of 177 students who now smoke, seventy-four gained athletic "letters" at high school or preparatory school, and twenty-one have won the college letters. Of 176 students who do not smoke, only fifty-six gained athletic letters at high school or preparatory school, but they also include twenty-one representatives with college (Varsity A) letters. The tentative conclusion is that high

school athletes tend to take up smoking, and so increase the number of athletes among college smokers, but that the smokers do not retain their pre-eminence in sports. This conclusion is supported by the fact that of students who began smoking in high school, thirty-seven gave school letters, but of those only three have gained college letters by accomplishments in athletics at Antioch.

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How the Weatherman Works in Washington

To those who live in the mountains, especially to dwellers on the edge of the hills who are so long views across the valleys and plains, few things are more fascinating than watching weather changes. What an entertainment it is for a lover of nature to gaze on a hot summer afternoon across the sea-like expanse of plain and to watch a thunderstorm form and grow and stalk in majesty across the drowsy land. One village is awaiting the onset of the storm in hushed silence; we can even see the cloud of dust spritzed by the rush of the first squall. Another under the lowering cloud is hidden by the veils of rain torn by lightning. Farther on the countryside lies dripping and -drenched by the shower, the wet foliage reflecting the slanting rays of the declining sun.

But that spectacle in all its impressiveness covers only at best a few hundred square miles. What if we could peer above the North American continent so high that our vision embraced the waters of the two great oceans, the polar seas, the tropical Caribbean, and could observe the mighty stirrings of the great storms and the great sheets of cold polar air that, contending together, give the weather background to the life of more than 125,000,000 people?

Yet if one had imagination and an entry to the central office of the United States Weather Bureau in Washington, that is in effect what one can do every morning and evening of the year. It is what the forecaster on duty does, and it is from what he sees in this great vision that the forecasts are made. Twice made, the forecasts are sent by the weather bureau from Nome to the Antilles, from San Francisco to Bermuda, from Labrador to San Diego, watching the storms on their mysterious ways.

Of course he doesn't do it by going up some 2000 miles in a balloon. Even if such a startling feat were practicable it would yield little information for forecasting purposes. Much better is the method whereby the forecaster stands under green shaded lights before a few big maps in a comfortable room, and by use of the tools ready at hand reads a complete record of the weather from sea to sea.

The system is simple to tell of, not so simple to keep efficient. Scattered over the length and breadth of the United States and the neighboring islands are some 250 weather bureau stations. Every day at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. Washington time, observations taken a few minutes earlier are forwarded to Washington. These messages are practically all received in ninety minutes, and in less than thirty minutes more the forecasts for all the eastern seaboard are on the wires or "on the air."

Imagine a long, high-ceilinged room. Toward one end a tall desk on which lie some large blank maps of the continent, each weather bureau station being marked by a small circle. Clerks are standing in front of the maps, another sits at the end of the room near a little chute through which the code messages come down from the telegraph room as fast as they are received.

It is a minute or two after eight. The first "fimsy" comes down the chute, the clerk catches it, it is immediately decoded as he reads, announces something as follows: "New York, twelve, twenty, northeast clear, ten." This means that in that city the barometer is 30.12, the thermometer 20, the weather clear, and the wind northeast at ten miles an hour, and that there has been no rain or snow in the last twenty-four hours.

As fast as these figures are read they are entered by the clerks on the maps. The "fimsies" are then passed over to the map makers, who enter on other maps such

information as the rise or fall of the barometer or thermometer, the clouds observed and their direction and velocity. This continues for more than an hour. Then the forecaster continues into the room and one of the clerks announces, "The map is ready."

To untrained eyes it is all a jumble, but the experienced weather man quickly takes a red pencil and drawing a line through every station showing equal readings of the barometer at intervals of one-tenth of an inch, soon develops a picture of "lows" or storms, and "highs" or heaps of clear cool weather. With a blue pencil he then draws lines through points of equal temperature at intervals of ten degrees, and immediately we see the waves of warm and cool air surging across the country. Another map shows areas where it is cloudy or rainy, still another shows where the pressure has risen or fallen the most. It is now about 9:40, and we have before us a complete picture of the weather from sea to sea.

Let us suppose it is a Monday evening in January. New England and eastern Canada are covered by a great area of clear, cold air. Even that early in the night the mercury has sunk to below zero in Quebec and Maine. It is around twenty below in New York. A series of concentric red circles over the Mississippi Valley shows a storm centered there. Eastward toward the Atlantic coast it is cloudy as far north as Philadelphia. Heavy rain is falling in the south, and sleet over Virginia. Over the Dakotas a great cold wave is hovering. A series of concentric red circles over the Mississippi Valley shows a storm centered there. Eastward toward the Atlantic coast it is cloudy as far north as Philadelphia. Heavy rain is falling in the south, and sleet over Virginia. Over the Dakotas a great cold wave is hovering. A series of concentric red circles over the Mississippi Valley shows a storm centered there. Eastward toward the Atlantic coast it is cloudy as far north as Philadelphia. 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